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Baptist leader prefers "egalitarian" education

Bert Witvoet

TORONTO, Ont. — Anglican bishop Lewis Garnsworthy is not the only Ontario religious leader that is opposed to the idea of full funding for Catholic and private schools. The editor of *The Canadian Baptist*, Rev. William Jones, though less strident perhaps than his Anglican colleague, is not enthusiastic either about the use of state funds for "religious schools."

"The principle of egalitarian education for everyone is still a virtue that seems appealing," he writes in the magazine of which he is editor. When this reporter asked him what he meant by "the principle of egalitarian education," he replied that there should be equal education for everyone. Although it is perfectly correct for religious bodies to have their own schools, he opposes funding for them. He would prefer everyone to attend public schools and be allowed to choose from electives in religious education, but not on school time.

What if everyone is getting an equally bad education, would he still favour the "egalitarian" principle? Bill Jones laughed at the idea. "I don't believe in that, of course," he said. "As long as standards are upheld, as they are, education is equally good for all."

May not withdraw

Jones does not think that society has changed significantly during the years that Baptists have held to the principle of egalitarian education. The public school was never a Christian school, he argues. "I was in grade nine with Jewish kids, Roman Catholic kids and with those who did not believe in God. It was a super opportunity to meet them. We found out they were not the strange creatures we had heard they were."

Attending a public school did not diminish his religious beliefs, Jones thinks. Besides, "Christians have a responsibility to be in the public school.

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Rev. William Jones

Thinkbit

"We are frightened of losing what we have, terrified of becoming a minority (with no rights, no influence, no place). We are afraid of being strangers in a strange land. Interesting, isn't it? Because this is exactly what the Bible says we should be."

Mike Yaconelli

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One in five cannot read

Margaret Griffioen

TORONTO, Ont. — One in five Canadians cannot read the street signs in their neighbourhood, cannot write their own name, and definitely cannot read this article. They are considered functionally illiterate — they do not have the reading and writing skills needed for everyday tasks.

These people are of all ages, come from all socio-economic backgrounds, are in our churches, offices, homes, schools, prisons, and on our streets. Some are employed and struggling to hide their illiteracy, but many are unemployed and on the streets — too embarrassed or too discouraged to seek help.

Literacy groups, however, have risen across the country to help people learn to read, write, and gain a sense of self-esteem.

A unique group, *Beat the Street*, was started in May by two ex-cons in Toronto's Dundas Street area (known as a "seedy" part of town). For residents of this neighbourhood, the streets are their school. Both students and teachers at *Beat the Street* are street people themselves — punkers, bag ladies, prostitutes, pimps, anyone who wants to learn.

Already, people have left the street life after learning to read and write through *Beat the Street's* program. (see story on page 9.)

Anyone can learn

The program's teaching method is based on that of Toronto's Frontier College which has specialized in adult literacy since 1899. The method is known as Student Centred Individualized Training (SCIT). According to Frontier staff member Dr. Marsha Forest, SCIT involves one person tutoring another, with every program designed to meet the student's personal needs.

"We use the most up-to-date techniques ...," says Forest. She explains that SCIT is based on teaching through word *meaning*, rather than using grammer and phonics.

"What people need the most," she says, "is to be told they can learn, despite what family and teachers may have told them in the past. Once the labels are gone, almost anyone can learn to read."

Dutch visitors check immigration situation

Marian Van Til

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — Forty percent of the 14 million people of The Netherlands are willing to immigrate, say Dick Boogaard and Tijmen Bouwers of a Dutch Christian immigration organization.

Boogaard and Bouwers, executive board members of the Christelijke Emigratie Centrale (CEC), are on a two-week visit to Canada on behalf of the CEC. The CEC is one of three immigration organizations provided by the Dutch government to help people who wish to immigrate to countries outside Europe. (The other two organizations are a Roman Catholic and a public one — the latter presumably for agnostics, atheists, or people who adhere to non-Christian religions.)

These "centrales" tell people what they can expect when they arrive in a new country. They also help prospective immigrants wade through the bureaucratic details that immigration entails.

At present, most people emigrating from The Netherlands go to Canada, the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, or South Africa, says Bouwers.

Why leave comfortable Holland?

North Americans may wonder why so many would want to leave a land where the government "takes care of" them better than they would be taken care of almost anywhere else in the world.

Boogaard and Bouwers cite seven reasons, in no particular order of importance.

"It's nice to get a lot of money from the government," says Bouwers, "but it's not human to get money without work[ing for it]." Bouwers thinks both Christians and non-Christians sense that. "Other countries provide job opportunities," he explains.

The fear of nuclear war is very real. Europe would be vulnerable in that event. That thought scares some people enough to make them leave for a "safer" area of the world.

There are many business regulations which don't exist in other countries. This makes it easier to start one's own business elsewhere.

"The Dutch are explorers," says Bouwers. They have "spread all over" the world and are still doing so.

As a consequence of previous immigration waves, many Dutch people have relatives in other countries, particularly Canada. Some, in fact, have more relatives in Canada then are left in The Netherlands. This is also a factor in causing people to leave Holland.

Moral and spiritual reasons?

The Netherlands is a "permissive society" according to Boogaard. The moral atmosphere is one that many — again, non-Christians as well as Christians — may want to escape. ("People are afraid to be in Amsterdam,

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The dry, dry west

C.C. staff

Alberta and Saskatchewan — Things haven't been this bad in Canada's breadbasket since the "Dirty Thirties." For the second year in a row, farmers in southern Alberta and western Saskatchewan are facing the double scourge of drought and grasshoppers.

John Kolkman, research and policy coordinator for the Christian Farmers Federation in Alberta, recently returned from a trip to the drought-stricken areas of southern Alberta. His report appears on page 7 of this issue.

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UAW-Canada out for power!

The spanking new, all-Canadian United Auto Workers union with 135,000 members has met in a Toronto hotel to hammer out a constitution for itself. It is usually good news when a group of people want to assume a national identity. With it generally comes a greater sense of responsibility.

In the case of the UAW-Canada, the split with its United States counterpart was motivated by less noble aspirations, however. The Canadians, led by Robert White, do not like the conciliatory attitude of their U.S. brothers towards corporations. They want to fight harder for union benefits.

Power hunger enslaves

An integral part of the Canadian union's vision is that it wants to take a leading role in collective bargaining *and* political action. It's the political action goal that should warn Canadians that this union is power hungry and not to be trusted with the shaping of Canadian society.

Isn't it strange to hear Robert White speak of such goals as support for the New Democratic Party, opposition to free trade, protection of medicare and stronger measures against South Africa in one breath? Almost all of these issues are political issues. Why should a labour union pursue political goals?

It's all part of the "politicization" of society that Harry Antonides, Research Director for the Christian Labour Association of Canada, warns against in the CLAC's latest brief to a federal parliamentary committee on equality rights.

What he means is that the use of state power is no longer seen as being limited to the State. The boundaries of societal life are blurred. The state has become involved in non-state matters, and other power-seeking sectors of life, like unions and church lobbies, have become involved in state matters.

It all boils down to various groups wanting to have power which does not belong to them (e.g. unions) or wanting to apply power they have in areas where they should not (e.g. governments). The result is a loss of freedom for non-politicized individuals, groups and institutions like families, schools, churches, businesses, and even independent unions.

Power distribution frees

It's a peculiar insight of the Reformed tradition to maintain that every institution of society has its own limited area of responsibility and authority. The term "sphere sovereignty" tries to capture that conviction.

Sometimes this concept has been applied too rigidly. In emergency situations (war, catastrophy) or in undifferentiated (tribal) societies or in societies where certain areas are underdeveloped (parental responsibility is underdeveloped in public education), the boundaries may legitimately be crossed.

But always the tendency should be to get out as soon as possible, and to encourage the rightful group to assume responsibility. A proper recognition of "sphere sovereignty" prevents the usurpation of powers by a limited-task group.

False power distorts

The close link between Canadian secular unions and the New Democratic Party has been both a blessing and a curse. The blessing is that the NDP is relatively weak in most provinces and in the country as a whole. Imagine what the consequences of such an unholy alliance would have been had these unions been affiliated with the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada! As it is, the unions share in the defeats as well as triumphs of socialistic politics.

The curse is that both the unions and the NDP obtain support in ways that do not include accountability. Union funds support NDP candidates and policies, while the people who pay these funds may be opposed to socialism. On the other side, the unions have an automatic voice in parliament that will argue their case. An NDP candidate does not often bother trying to find out what the issues are in a union/management dispute. Since the assumption is that the unions are right, NDP candidates will walk almost any picket line. That workers are oppressed is not an opinion; it's a fact.

How can justice be done this way?

Obedience power saves

What can Christians who are members of the UAW or other secular unions do? They can speak up for their Christian convictions. They can diligently disseminate and apply such God-given insights as "The meek shall inherit the earth." "A worker deserves his wages," "Do not work for food that spoils," "Serve (your bosses) wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men," "A ruler [not a union!] does not bear the sword for nothing," "Seek first the Kingdom of heaven and His righteousness."

What do you think of the aims of the UAW-Canada? Do they agree with or oppose the Lord's will for worker/management and citizen/state relations? Can you make them part of your sacrificial life before God, which is your reasonable service?

Letters

Correction:

In our August 23 editorial, which made reference to Mr. Wolter van der Kamp's critique of a helio-centric view of the universe in his book *Houvast aan het Hemelruim*, we erroneously placed his town Pitt Meadows in Alberta. Alberta should be so lucky! Pitt Meadows and its illustrious resident van der Kamp can be found in British Columbia.

Our careless mistake must be a result of eastern prejudice, which believes that the West of Canada turns around the East. No doubt BC residents subscribe to the opposite theory.

Editor.

Could have mentioned reasonable evidence

Just received the August 23rd C.C. and noticed the letters about science and the age of the earth.

Surely you must have received a letter or two about the works of Immanuel Velikovsky who in the 1950s very convincingly documented his theory about sudden upheavals based on historical documentation and geographic findings in "historic" times. O yes, Mr. Brinkman made mention of a violent past, shown in the very structures that others believe prove a billion-year-old earth.

It's not only the Christians who stubbornly cling to some old theory, but modern scientists as well, some of whom refuse even to mention data which contradict their own favourite theory.

That the earth is very old is hardly a "new" finding, even if a Calvin College Professor at the Institute shows "proof," at least there for the first time.

You would have done well to take Mr. Brinkman's advice seriously and, rather than mention the curious Dutch book, show how even Dr. Young could be wrong by mentioning some "reasonable" evidence. But then you would be ruffling some feathers in high quarters. You may as well get the whole conservative wing mad at you. That is a lot more fun, I suppose.

It is not up to us to prove anything, God has seemingly left enough clues around that eventually even Dr. Young or other future geology professors at Calvin will admit to more evidence than one chapter in the Bible.

By the way, Pitt Meadows is in B.C., unless some catastrophic upheaval has catapulted it a few hundred miles east lately.

A. Guillaume,
Edmonton, Alta.

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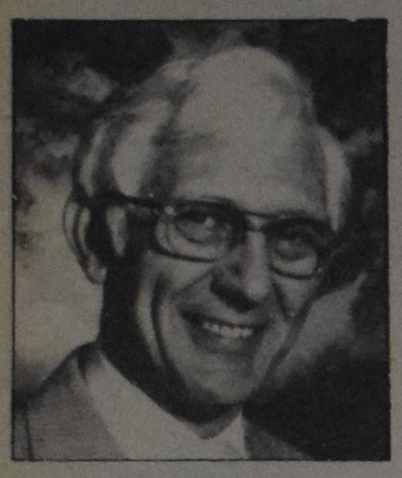

... it proved to be an interesting pastime. What else can you do when you float between heaven and earth in a C.P. airliner?

Where are you registered?

The other day I tried to establish at how many places my name is registered. It became an impressive list. I'm registered at the town-hall, of course. And with the telephone company, Union Gas, Ontario Hydro, and the Public Utilities, since I am a consumer of their services. I'm registered with the Public Library because I borrow the odd book, and with Calvin College since I go there just about every summer. And, oh yes, with Revenue Canada, for I am a taxpayer. Then there is the church, the school, publishers, the bank, the credit office .... What a list!

I thought about the distinction between places where I would really like to be registered, and those where I really did not want to be known; and institutions whose knowledge of my existence left me rather indifferent. It proved to be an interesting pastime. What else can you do when you float between heaven and earth in a C.P. airliner?

I might have forgotten my little game had I not in my devotions come to the passage in Luke 10 where we are told how enthusiastically the 72 returned to Jesus. A happy lot they were. "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!"

The 72 had been busy for the Lord. That was laudable. They had been blessed beyond expectation. That is heart-warming. But Jesus' answer to them is surprising: "Rejoice that your names are written in heaven!"

Had I included the registry of heaven when I played my little game at 30,000 feet? I could not remember, but a feeling of intense joy came over me just the same. Who cares where his name is registered as long as one is sure of his heavenly registry?

Rejoice!

Then I remembered a song that I had heard some second-graders sing a while ago.

"Is your name written there
On the page white and fair?"
Mine is. Is yours, too?

William Rang is principal of the Christian school in Dunnville, Ont.

Longer Letter

An open letter to Dr. W. Stanford Reid

Dear Dr. Reid,

From your "Reply to Syrt Wolters" it is clear that you misunderstand my position on the Christian's task in this world. Permit me to make a few remarks in response.

No Anabaptist

You say that I "... insist that any connection with the world results in worldliness and, ultimately, in disobedience to God." You classify me with the Anabaptists.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. Christians should be right smack in the middle of the world's affairs. Guided by the power of the Holy Spirit, and having "put on the spectacles of the Scriptures" (to use one of Calvin's popular expressions), they should be able to live a biblical life, whether in art or politics, economy or human relations. After all, Christians constitute the Body of Christ, the New Humanity, the Royal Priesthood. (Anabaptists *insulate* themselves from the world like an electrical current that is hermetically sealed off from its surroundings by a heavy rubber cord.)

Christians should not *insulate* themselves from the world, but *isolate* themselves, like an oil patch on water. Oil does not mix with the water, but is on all sides exposed to its surroundings.

The great Dutch Christian historian G. Groen Van Prinsterer coined the apt phrase, "In our isolation lies our strength."

Jesus asked for that "isolation" for "those whom Thou hast given me." But they are *in the world*, so much so, that it sees them as a bright light set on a hill. (John 17; Matt. 5)

Did Christ not separate?

Did not Jesus Himself say more than once, "I came not into the world to bring peace, but the sword?" He was the Great Divider. His stooping down to sinners — such as publicans and tax collectors — was most definitely not on their terms. Yes, Jesus befriended sinners, but with redemptive love in His heart.

Paul was a Roman to the Romans and a Greek to the Greeks, but hardly on their terms. He met them on their religious and philosophical level, but did not join them.

Calvin made himself available for public service, but on his own terms, not on the terms of the Libertines.

Historical differences

Whether there is any difference between the situation in Holland in the last century and the present situation in North America is immaterial, although it cannot be denied that both periods are characterized by heavy domination of secular humanism, which is based on the principles of the French Revolution. My position is not determined by the fact that I am of Dutch descent, but by the clear biblical teaching that we should not conform to the thought patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of our minds. (Romans 12)

Should Christians seek influence?

Is influence seeking our mandate in the world? As long as we believe that to be our main task, we will get tangled up in pragmatic schemes which must justify our behaviour.

Christ did not come into the world to reform society. He came to reconcile man with God in order that man could live to the glory of God again, as was intended in Paradise.

"Seeking first the Kingdom of God" is our main task. Then "all these things" — such as bread and butter, clothing and a good job — will be ours as well. They will be "added unto us" by God Himself.

The task of the Body of Christ in the world is to show the world how life should be lived according to that basic law of the Kingdom: "Love God above all and your neighbour as yourself."

If the Christian community lives in that kind of obedience, two things will happen. First, the world will notice that Christian "community" for its distinct communal lifestyle, similar to that of the first Christians who were known as the "people of the Way." Second the world will be annoyed. We will be ridiculed, persecuted, falsely accused, and even killed! Then Jesus will call us "blessed" and encourage us to "be glad and rejoice."

This picture is not very appealing to modern, sophisticated Christians. In our "wisdom" we think that we can reform society in our own pragmatic way.

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Is Coen, Casper?

From friends I receive *Calvinist Contact*, and so I read about things happening in Canada where I have lived some years ago.

Now in your weekly of July 19, 1985, there was an article about Mr. Casper Vande Riet.

When I grew up in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, I knew a person by the name of Coen Van de Riet or Van't Riet. He was married to a sister of the late Mr. Dick Farenhorst if I remember well.

I first like to ask you, is Mr. Casper Vande Riet of Toronto the same person I did describe to you?

That is certainly an accomplishment for him.

My congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Vande Riet.

Miss Cor E. Blankvoort,
Aurora, Colo.

Yes, Coen is Casper.
Editor

Let's get on with the task

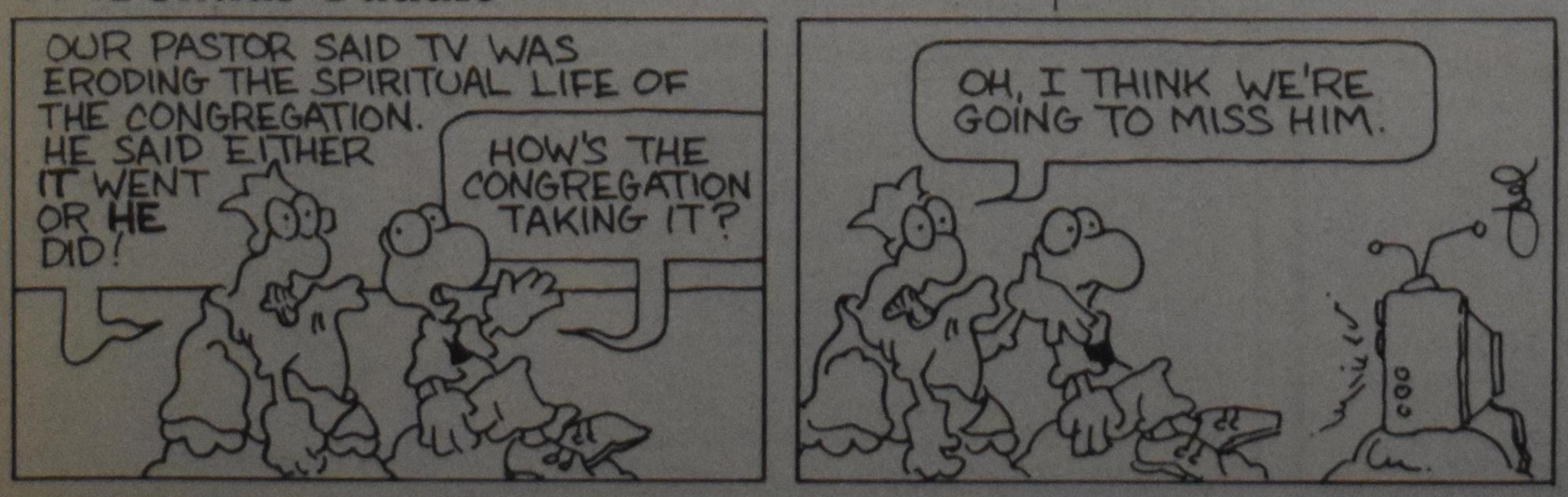
I wholeheartedly agree with Syrt Wolters (Pensive Dutchie, C.C., August 30) that "women-in-office" is a petty issue for the church to fight over when the church is "slowly being cooked to death by secular humanism."

With these pressures in mind, the earthly managers of the church should muster all their forces and invite the gifted and able women to work with them. Thus complementing one another, we can be strong and united.

God created us to develop the earth together, so let's get on with it!

Johanna Peetoom,
Willowdale, Ont.

Pontius' Puddle


OUR PASTOR SAID TV WAS ERODING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION. HE SAID EITHER IT WENT OR HE DID!
HOW'S THE CONGREGATION TAKING IT?
OH, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO MISS HIM.

An open letter to Dr. W. Stanford Reid

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How then should we live?

As much as we can, we should live as Jesus did, starting from the world's level with the gospel in hand, demonstrating, for example, how a country should be governed, how children should be educated, how human relations should function, how science should be practised; in short, how life should be lived.

If that means establishing various organizations, so be it. If not, fine. The first Christians did not organize into special societies. They were already a body of believers in Christ.

Of course, when the power of the Holy Spirit is used in *that* way, it should not surprise anyone when the world is turned upside down! In a country such as Canada with such great numbers of believing Christians, great things will be done *if we Christians only believe the consequences of being redeemed from sin and transferred into the Kingdom of Christ*. But, alas, the real situation prompted Harry Blamires to write a book entitled, *The Christian Mind*. He observes that there *is* no "Christian mind." Christians have succumbed to secular humanism and don't even realize it.

How to be a barber in the world

As a barber, I do not require my customers to recite or profess the Heidelberg Catechism! but I do require that they accept *my* Christian way of doing business. However, if a customer would ever require me to commit myself to his or her (secular) philosophy before accepting my service, I can assure you he or she would have to look for another barber. (I love my customers, but not at that price.)

So far, that has never happened. On the other hand, when customers misbehave via bad language, dirty jokes, or otherwise, I must remind them that my customers must comply with the ethics of my shop. *That* has happened more than once.

Syrt Wolters
Victoria, B.C.

Final response of Reid to Wolters

After reading Syrt Wolters' open letter to me with some interest, I have come to the conclusion that we are not really on the same wave-length, so it is not very profitable for us to keep up this correspondence. However, I shall make a few comments on his letter, and then have done with the matter.

No conditions

I would agree with Mr. Wolters that the Christian is to be in the world on the terms of the Kingdom of Christ and not on those of the world. Christ did this as did also the apostles, but that did not mean that they were not in contact with "the world."

When Christ went home to supper with Zaccheus, he did not, from what we know, lay down any conditions. Nor did Calvin when he acted as secretary of the committee for the reform of Geneva's laws, as far as the historical evidence is available, lay down various conditions.

In other words to be the salt of the earth or the light on the hill, the Christian is to get involved in the world but on the terms of the Kingdom of Christ.

In a society such as that which produced the French Revolution or which now prevails in Communist countries this would be impossible, with the Christian quickly being thrown out. On the other hand, in a society in which there is true toleration for various points of view, I believe that the Christian has a duty to get in there and seek to make the Christian world-and-life view known, and its implications understood.

Different backgrounds

It was because of the different situations in which a Christian might find himself that I drew a picture of the difference between the Dutch and the British background in my previous communication. Both Mr. Wolters and I come to the Bible to seek its teachings, but we still have our presuppositions, our family training and our historical backgrounds. I believe that this is one reason for our differences in approach or wavelength.

As a result, we have not only a slightly different view of the biblical message concerning our relationship to society, but also differing views on contemporary society. However, we both would agree that what is needed today is a renewal of the church within contemporary society which would bring about a change such as that achieved by the 16th-century Reformation and the 18th-century Evangelical Revival.

Bringing social reform

Mr. Wolters feels that Christians should not attempt to bring about social reform or the improvement of society. But, if they content themselves with seeking first the Kingdom of God, all things "such as bread and butter, clothing and a good job will be ours as well." But this was not the attitude of a Calvin or of a Kuyper.

They believed as did Paul (Rom. 13:1ff), that civil government, for instance, was something established by God for the benefit of mankind, particularly of His church. Therefore, they should act to make sure that civil government fulfilled its God-given task of establishing and maintaining "justice, righteousness and equity."

Yes, they believed that the Christians had civic duties to fulfil to the best of their ability. Mr. Wolters should perhaps go back and read the last chapter of Calvin's *Institutes* or Kuyper's *Ons Program*.

As it is obvious that we shall never agree on these points, I am dropping the matter here.

W. Stanford Reid,
Guelph, Ont.

Kuyper's Kapers

AAAH, IT FEELS GOOD TO GET OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR ONCE
OH-OH. HERE COMES A RELIGIOUS PROSELYTIZER. HE LOOKS SERIOUS
SIR, DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE TOTALLY DEPRAVED? BUT REJOICE, THERE IS UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION. HOWEVER, THERE IS LIMITED ATONEMENT. BUT, REJOICE, GRACE IS IRRESISTABLE AND THE SAINTS PERSEVERE
ARE YOU A CALVINIST?
WHY DO YOU ASK?

Netherlands Bazaar: a Dutch treat!

C.C. staff

THORNHILL, Ont. — Without leaving the continent, one can, once a year, wallow in the atmosphere of Dutch people, Dutch food, Dutch music and Dutch handicrafts at The Netherlands Bazaar. This year it will take place on October 19 in the Thornhill Community Centre (Thornhill hugs the northern border of metropolitan Toronto).

The committee, "Netherlands Bazaar," is a non-denominational organization which has been in existence for 29 years. All funds it raises at its bazaars are used to provide financial assistance to Ontario families of Dutch extraction who have been stricken by illness or other misfortunes.

In 1983, $16,000 was collected and used for food parcels and financial aid. In 1984 the amount was $21,000. Throughout the years, 48 underprivileged children have been sent to summer camp.

How can people help make this year's bazaar another success? They can donate baked goods or Dutch pea soup. Financial donations are tax deductible and can be sent to: Committee "Netherlands Bazaar," 15 Pavilion St., Unionville, ON L3R 1N8 (Tel. [416] 477-1243).

President Ge Spaans announces that the bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. Admission is free, and there will be ample parking.

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especially at night," he says.)

Bouwers words his next sentences carefully. "A few," he says, "feel that emigrating might bring them to a better Christian atmosphere [within the church]." He is referring to members of his own Gereformeerde Kerken (GKN). "That feeling has historical roots," he adds. In the past, many people left hoping to encounter — or to establish for themselves — a better religious climate in a new land.

Both men say, however, that nowadays, few GKN members leave The Netherlands for that reason.

Any need for advice?

Because the CEC is a Christian organization which services many Reformed Netherlanders, Boogaard and Bouwers are in Canada to familiarize themselves with the Reformed Dutch immigrant community in the Toronto area. They are asking themselves a question as they visit Christian schools, Christian Reformed Churches, Salem Christian Mental Health Association, Holland Christian Homes [for the elderly], the Institute for Christian Studies (ICS), *Calvinist Contact, Christian Renewal,* and individual Dutch-Canadian immigrants. The question is, "Is there any need for advising people now, from a Christian viewpoint, to immigrate [to Ontario]?"

They want to "get a broad view" of how immigration to Canada has affected people.

From l. to r.: Dick Bogaart and Tijmen Bouwers in front of Calvinist Contact office.

Since both Bouwers and Boogaard are mayors of towns in the Dutch provinces of Friesland and Utrecht, respectively, they were also keenly interested in attending a St. Catharines city council meeting, led by the city's Christian mayor Roy Adams.

First impressions

The Dutch consulate in Toronto gave them the name of the ICS. Once there, the men learned of the interconnectedness of the (Christian) Reformed Dutch community in southern Ontario. (The Consulate advised them to limit their visit to the Toronto area — due to travel time involved in crossing the country.)

At the time of this interview, Boogaard and Bouwers had not seen enough to be able to draw firm conclusions, or to know what they would report to the CEC upon their return.

One early impression, however, stood out in the minds of both men. "One of the most remarkable things," they said, is that "women in office" is of such importance to the (Christian Reformed) churches here. "We deal with more life and death questions," they decided.

Both men also remarked on how financially comfortable the immigrants seem to have become in Canada, and how strong the bond is between them. "They've made it good here," concluded Bouwers.

Baptist leader prefers "egalitarian" education

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Just because people steal more or commit more adultery does not mean that we need to withdraw," he said.

Jones agrees that, to an extent, a public school is dependent for its character on the society it draws on. But he does not think that society and its schools have changed all that much for the worse. He recalled that Anabaptists had to have secret meeting places in Holland in years gone by. He does not think that a society that persecuted others was all that superior.

Parents are responsible

When asked if he did not think that Canada in the 1980s is far more pluralistic and secularized than Canada in the 1800s and early 1900s, and that teachers are affected by this change and teach in ways that conflict with the teaching at home, Jones said that parents were ultimately responsible for the education of their children.

It was evident that he sees the task of the parent as a review task.

He spoke of parents discussing with their kids what they were learning: "the theories and the morality of lessons. It's like watching television," he said. "You discuss with the kids whether they want to adopt the values that they find in television programs."

When asked whether he did not prefer *changing* television programs to merely commenting on them, he said that he was once a member of a television review committee and that he spoke his mind on the kinds of programs that are put on the air.

"I have never taken a passive role," he added. "I often ask teachers at interviews what kind of values they teach."

He recalled how he once ran for a school board and how a member of the Christian Reformed Church "chewed me out for my theology and views on education. He was going to vote for another candidate who was not even a Christian. So much for Christians standing together in society."

Jones is fairly pleased with the quality of education in public schools. His own children went through the system and came out the better for it, he says. He could also recall incidents in which children who had attended a Christian school had come out with damaged character.

He admits that there is something lacking in the public schools in that there is no teaching of religious education. "A person is not educated when he does not learn about religion," he says.

As for sending one's children to the public school, Jones thinks that this is a necessary risk. "Christ commanded his followers to be a leaven. It's a risky business, also for the kids, but that's what the Christian life is. It's better to stay in and take risks, than build a society that's permanently alienated from each other," he says.

No more ghettos

As for government funding, he believes that the government is providing more ghettos by allowing full funding for Catholic schools. "That they have funding for elementary education is constitutional and we have to live with it, even if it's wrong." But to extend that funding now is not right, he thinks.

However, if the government is going to give full funding to Catholic schools, then, according to Jones, all other religious schools should enjoy the same privilege. "Fair is fair."

And here is where his Baptist principle of "egalitarianism" would come into play again.

Meet an African farmer ... and her husband

WINNIPEG, (MCC) — Who is bent low in African fields, doing 80 percent of the planting, weeding and harvesting of food? Men? No, experts agree — women.

Men own the land and clear it, but women do the bulk of the work from then on. Men concentrate on cash crops or, increasingly, seek work in cities.

A recent study called "Women ... a World Survey," says that most aid programs involve men deciding to finance male field workers who assume that African men are the primary producers. Women have been "largely bypassed" in third-world development strategies, according to the study.

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Church

Marian Van Til, page editor

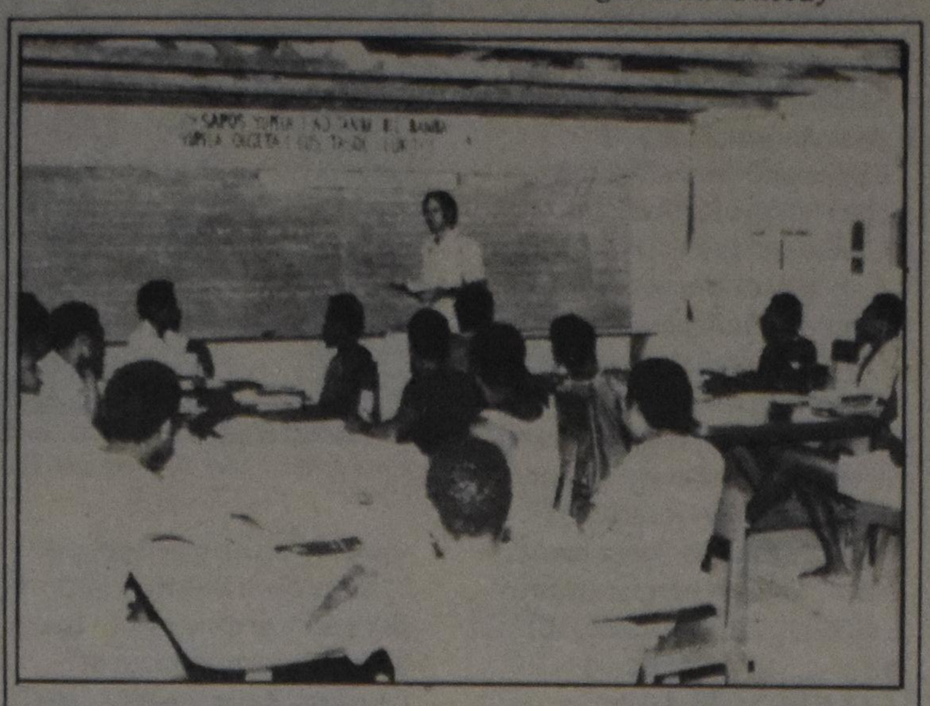
Every home in Quebec to be evangelized

MONTREAL, (EP) — One of the least evangelized areas of North America and possibly the world, Quebec, is the target for an ambitious new Every Home Crusade, where each home in the predominantly French-speaking province will be reached with the Gospel.

"The Challenge of a New Frontier" crusade, which is expected to take two years to complete, will be directed by Denis Donnan, a French-speaking pastor from Quebec who has joined Every Home Crusade in Canada.

"Quebec is the largest province in Canada and is going to prove quite a challenge for us," says Dr. Dale Kietzman, President of World Literature Crusade, sponsors of Every Home Crusades. "It is regarded by many as one of the most neglected and needy mission fields in the world. For only five out of every 1,000 know Jesus in a personal way and there are more than 1,700 towns and villages with no evangelical church at all."

Kietzman continues, "In Quebec there is only one worker for every 12,000 people. I am glad to report, however, that already many of the evangelical churches of Quebec have risen to this great challenge and have been mobilized to work together on this massive literature outreach."



The harvest is great: *the work of Christian Reformed missionaries Erik and Penny Schering in Papua New Guinea was rewarded with the recent baptism of 77 new Christians in one festive service.*

Rev. Schering is pictured here teaching a number of them in a class room session. Above the blackboard is a text the students chose themselves in decipherable pidgin English: "Suppose you (plural) do not turn your hearts by and by you all will be lost." (Luke 13:3)

How Catholics view sin

CHICAGO, Ill. (EP) Almost as many American Catholics think stealing work supplies is sinful, as think having an abortion is wrong. An equal number think profanity and premarital sex are sinful. And more people label spanking sinful than voting for nuclear arms.

Surprising statistics emerged when *U.S. Catholic* magazine surveyed readers' attitudes on sin in their lives for a recent article. James Breig, who analysed the survey, said most people accept a wider understanding of sin than previous years. Nine in ten readers consider some government policies sinful (nuclear arms race, apartheid, Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, etc.). Self-destructive acts, such as alcohol and drug abuse, were rated as sinful by 79 percent of the readers.

More Catholics mentioned reading pornographic magazines as sinful, than using artificial birth control or missing Sunday Mass. Telling anti-Semitic jokes was listed more often as sinful than skipping school or work.

Church News

Christian Reformed Church

Called

— to Stratford, Ont., Cand. John Groen.

Accepted

— to a team ministry at Immanuel, Brampton, Ont., Rev. Anthonie Vanden Ende of Westmount, Strathroy, Ont.

New service times

— Bethel CRC, Newmarket, Ont.: The morning service time has been changed from 10:30 to 10:00 a.m.

— Zion CRC, Oshawa, Ont.: The evening service time has been changed from 7:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Canadian Council to meet in B.C.

— The First CRC of New Westminster, B.C., calls on the Canadian classes of the CRC to attend the tenth biennial meeting of the Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada.

This meeting will be in session, D.V., from Tuesday, November 12, 1985, at 7:00 p.m. until Friday, November 15.

Change of address

— Rev. H. Getkate: 36 Coverdale Ave., Cobourg, ON K9A 4H3. Effective immediately.

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Rime or Reason

The pastor, about to move,
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Klaas Sis

Now hear the lot of a maiden
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Pastoral Pondering

Travelling in overdrive

Jan D. Pereboom

Church work has moved into overdrive. The holidays are over.

Overdrive in my car is its cruising speed. The car's manual says that that is the most economical way to drive under normal highway circumstances, yet get the best results for the energy you put in. That depends, of course, on how and where you drive. One can waste fuel, even in overdrive.

The church is moving toward the Kingdom of Heaven to come. According to the Bible, that is a lot more than a retirement haven. It is then and there that all will acknowledge that Jesus Christ is King of Kings, Lord of Lords. How we long for Him to be completely in control of all of what God and men may expect of each other, in perfect love and harmony!

Incomplete picture

The church is moving there — we assume — using the rules of the road. After all, it is *Christ's* church. The difficulty is that we have no complete time schedule. We may know the way, we may know how to drive — how to witness to the resurrection of Christ — but we do not have a clear picture of the scenery we will pass through.

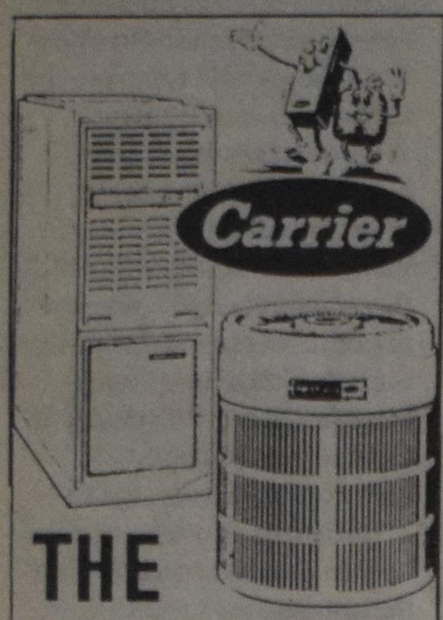
Corner on truth dangerous

In the town of my youth we had a branch of the special army reserves, a para-military organization. It arose from an appeal for volunteers to protect the Queen against a rebellion in Amsterdam in 1923. Many of its members subsequently played a role in Nazi resistance during the Second World War. We were proud of their masculine vigor.

We have now grown wary of such organizations and their militant actions. In other countries we have seen similar groups assailing real and imagined enemies. It can be dangerous to have a corner on the truth. Affirmative action has the tendency to create fanatics on the one side and deserters on the other.

The church has moved into overdrive. I pray for an understanding of what we are driving toward and why. Dwindling catechism classes and half empty churches are disappointing signs when you see busloads going the other way. You can be conservative about it ("In the early days ....") or you can be progressive about it ("New times, new modes"). But when the church is in overdrive, she should be an enthusiastic witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ and all that that entails.

Rev. Pereboom is pastor of Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church, Niagara Falls, Ontario.



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Seeds of hope amidst the drought

John Kolkman

Visiting the parched farmlands of southern Alberta, as I did recently, is a humbling experience. One senses the smallness and insignificance of humanity, and our utter dependence on the grace of our Creator.

I met farmers experiencing their third straight year of crop failure. Each spring, these farmers work hard to put in a crop. Yet day after day, the sky dawns bright and clear. Even on those days when clouds do build up, they seem unable to release their rains to nourish the earth.

In southern Alberta, prolonged drought is invariably accompanied by severe insect infestation. The hot dry weather provides ideal conditions for the hatching of insect pests.

Cutworms caused the most damage early in the growing season. Because of them, many fields had to be re-seeded two or more times. Later a grasshopper invasion destroyed the little plant growth that managed to survive the drought.

As Claresholm area farmer Ken Karsten explained, "In 1984, we thought 'well at least things can't get any worse.' 1985 proved that they could."

A meagre harvest

As a result of the drought, yields of non-irrigated crops in southern Alberta are ranging from poor to disastrous.

Peter Poettcker, a grain grower in the Pincher Creek area, said he expects to get 10-20 bushels/acre of wheat and barley on land that had been summerfallowed the year before. These yields are less than one-half of normal.

On land where he had planted crops the year before, Poettcker said yields may be 5 bushels/acre or less. These crops have to be considered a total write-off since they may be too short and thin to harvest.

Ken Karsten cuts his 1,100 acres of barley for cattle feed rather than grain. Karsten expects to get less than 3/4 ton/acre of chopped silage from his fields, less than one-quarter of yields in an average year.

Hay and pasture in southern Alberta is also in bad shape. Many pastures and hay fields have dried up completely and will not recover until a good general rainfall of two or more inches is received.

Beekeepers have also been devastated. Sydney and Rena Greidanus have a 3,200 hive honey operation near High River. Not only did their honey yields suffer because of the reduced nectar flows, but many of their bees were killed by chemical sprays being used to control the grasshoppers.

The poor crops lead many in southern Alberta to worry about the price and availability of livestock feed this winter. An absolute shortage of feed grains is unlikely, as the Prairies generally produce a large surplus. However, supplies may have to be diverted from the export market to meet the needs in drought stricken areas.

Hay (grass and forages) is likely to be a bigger problem for many livestock farmers. The 1985 drought has extended further north this year into the hay producing regions of central and northern Alberta.

The Alberta Department of Agriculture is advising all livestock farmers to secure adequate supplies of hay before prices rise significantly or absolute shortages develop.

Many southern Alberta farmers buffeted by years of poor crops, are instead choosing to sell off their livestock, as they simply don't have the money or cannot obtain credit to buy feed.

The drought spreads

The 1985 drought in the Prairie Provinces is more widespread than in 1984. Most regions of Alberta have felt the effects of dry weather, as has the western half of Saskatchewan. (Eastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba have been largely untouched.)

Another area hit hard by drought is the Peace River region of northwestern Alberta. The irony is that in 1984 many parts of the Peace Region were so wet that farmers were unable to get on their fields to harvest their crops.

CFFA President John Vander Meulen and Pincher Creek farmer Peter Poettcher examine barley crop.

According to Fred Nyland, a grain and cattle farmer near La Glace (northwest of Grande Prairie), crops in the Peace region are very uneven. Their quality depends on where the local showers fell, said Nyland.

Nyland added that in his local area crops are very poor, especially the canola. Yields are likely to be less than half of average.

A general rain finally arrived in Alberta around the middle of August. Most of the rains fell in central Alberta and revived hopes for a better-than-expected second cut of hay in that part of the province.

The ripple effect

The drought, combined with poor livestock prices, is causing hardship throughout the rural Alberta economy. Particularly hard hit are those businesses which provide the farmer with machinery and fertilizer.

Peter Poettcker said machinery dealers in Pincher Creek and Claresholm have recently gone into receivership. Ken Karsten knows of a half a dozen small businesses which have gone bankrupt.

Even southern Alberta's irrigation farmers have been unable to escape the drought completely. The Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District (LNID) in particular has been plagued by water shortages throughout the summer. Though in comparison to the surrounding dryland, the fields of the LNID look lush and green, appearances can be deceiving.

According to Picture Butte area farmer Albert Kolk, yields of many crops in the LNID are likely to be only two-thirds of

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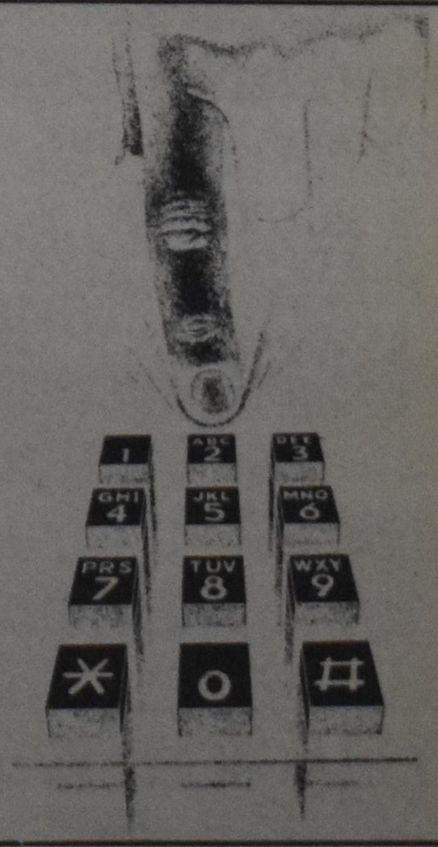

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Education

Henry de Jong, page editor

Up, up and away

Henry de Jong

WINDSOR, Ont. — On Tuesday, September 3, 110 children released 110 brightly coloured, helium-filled balloons into the blue sky over this southernmost of Canadian cities. Each balloon carried with it a personal message on a card tied with a ribbon to the balloon.

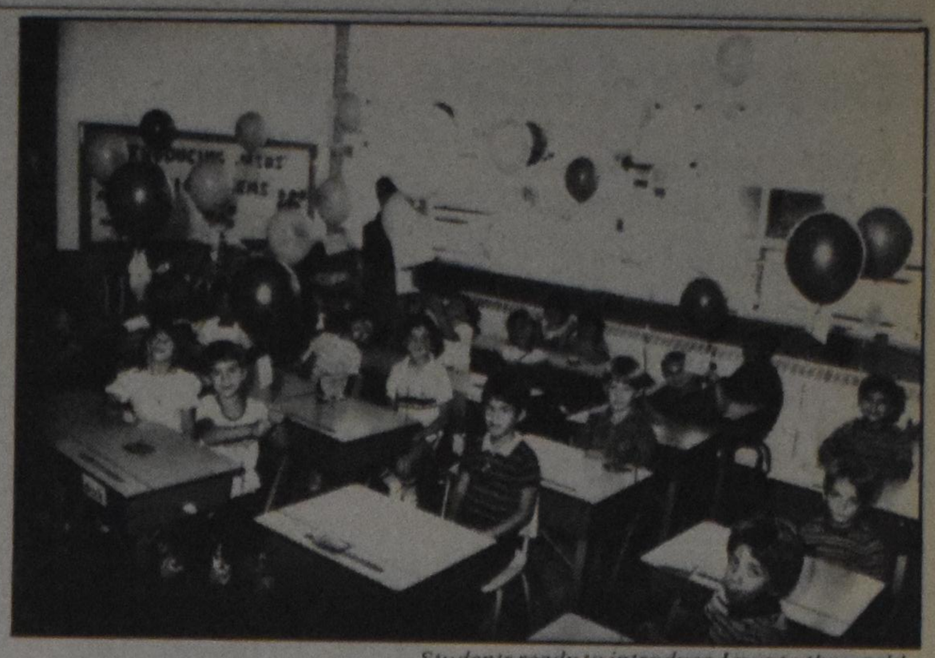
The messages were as simple as, "Jesus loves you." On the back of each card was printed, "Opening day for Maranatha Christian Academy: dedicated to the glory of God." The balloons themselves sported the words, "Grand Opening."

The "balloon-rising" ceremony captured perfectly the exuberance and evangelical spirit of this newest of Christian schools, more than any sod-turning or cornerstone-unveiling ceremony ever could have.

The school rose almost as quickly as the balloons, from its conception one and a half years ago to its opening this year with 60 families, 110 students, four teachers, a principal and a full curriculum for Kindergarten through grade eight.

Before that there was no Christian school in Windsor, a city of 200,000. The nearest one could be found some 40 km. away, in Cottam, near Essex.

In the early part of 1984, six families got together to examine the possibility of busing their children to Emmanuel Christian Academy.



Students ready to introduce Jesus to the world.

Opening day at Maranatha Christian Academy in Windsor, Ont.

They soon discovered that they would need 20 families to make busing feasible and figured that if they could get 20 families interested, they could just as well start up their own school. From that point, there was no looking down.

Promoting Christian education

To get the school off the ground the six families formed a steering committee and set to work promoting the idea of Christian education. They sent letters to all the area pastors and arranged to speak after church services. Whenever they found a key person in a congregation who supported the idea, they added him or her to the steering committee.

Small, weekly ads were put in a local paper, "The Penny Saver." Short messages, such as, "Education by the book — the Bible," were followed by an invitation to call a certain number for information. The steering committee received four to five calls a week through this method. Some of these calls resulted in new members.

Four teachers and a principal were hired in the spring of this year and they joined in the promotion effort. Public meetings were held every other week to give interested people a chance to find out more about the school. The new staff and its supporters had to answer questions about discipline, curriculum, and the teacher's commitments.

By summer-time the school had supporters in ten local congregations from varous denominations including United, Anglican, Presbyterian, Christian Reformed, and Pentecostal. Almost half the support and a great deal of enthusiasm came from the Windsor Christian Fellowship, a non-denominational congregation.

A building in time

But the school still had no place to call home. An offer to buy a vacant building from the public school system met with stony silence and an unreasoned "no." "That," says Ron Middel, one of the school's founders, "was a low point in our bid for a new school."

Just in time, they managed to get a lease on another vacant building, this one owned by the Windsor Association for the Mentally Retarded. It needed work — $25,000 worth, plus a lot of volunteer labour — but in the end they had a seven-room school to put them on the map.

The school is already full; enrolment has exceeded expectations. And families were still registering on opening day.

A great sense of unity

The whole promotion effort and all the work fixing up the school has brought together people from many backgrounds and has forged, in a very short time, a great sense of unity, says Ron Middel.

The teachers too, all hired locally from the public and separate school systems, have been drawn together by their excitement for Christian education and by a one week program for Christian School Teachers that they attended.

Principal Henry Zondervan, who comes with his experience from the London District Christian Secondary School, will be looked upon to help keep this enthusiasm and unity on course.

The opening day of Maranatha Christian Academy left a deep impression on Ron Middel. It was one of the most exciting days in his life to see the school bus pull up, the children pour out, and the school doors open.

He stressed repeatedly how much he and the others felt blessed by the opening of this new school.

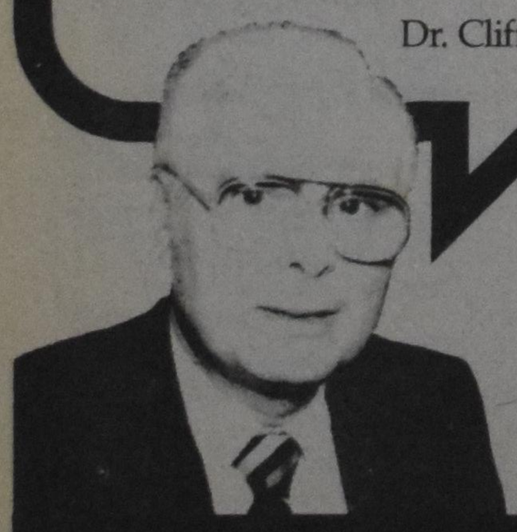
The last he saw of the balloons, they were headed due east. At the time he spoke with me, he figured they would be somewhere over Hamilton. Where they end up is anybody's guess and everybody's hope.

Principal Henry Zondervan and student raise flag at opening ceremony.

The graduate school with a difference

"Enormous losses have been suffered by the Christian church of today on the battlefields of the academic disciplines, and in the wars of the so-called secular world of politics, medicine, economics, personal counselling, and so on. And I really do see the ICS faculty and students and the great body of supporters behind ICS as "The Invaders"; that's exactly the way I see them! I see them mounted on white horses with a shield on their arm and a sword in their right hand, thinking deeply and rigorously from strong biblical foundations, but also with the intellectual rigour of a beginning Christian philosophy. They are examining these foundations in order to challenge the secular world, hopefully to garner back to Christ, to His honour and glory and to the day-to-day helpfulness of the Christian and secular worlds, more and more of these academic disciplines."

Dr. Clifford C. Pitt, *President, ICS*



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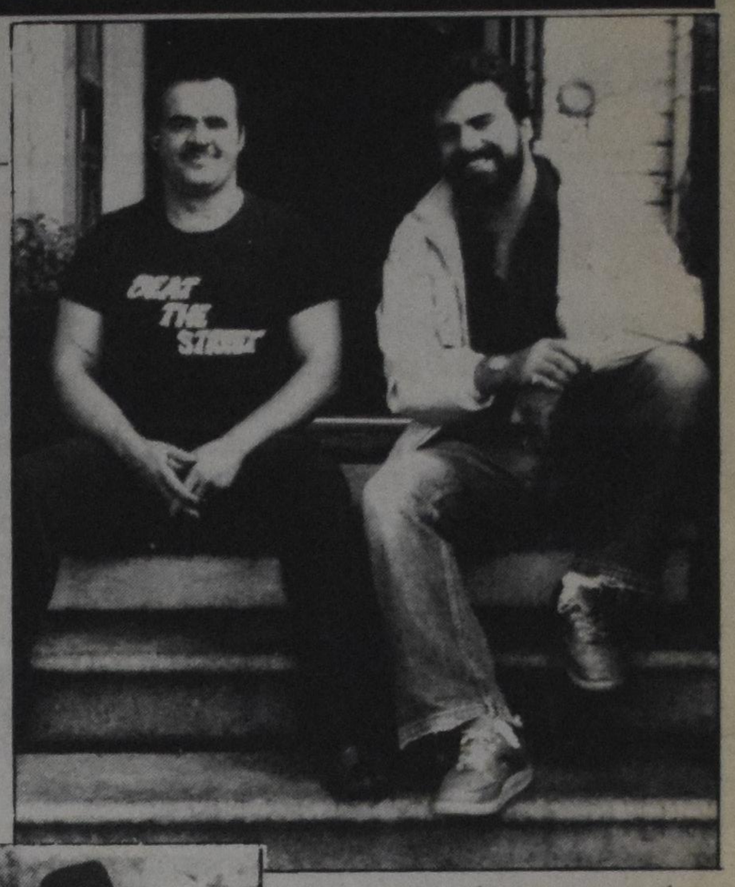

Don't Pass Me By

I'm a man at thirty three
Who just learned to read,

I was here all the time
But people just passed me by.

One day a woman said, I will show you a lie.

I know you can read with a little time;

I won't pass you by.

She she gave me a little time,
And I gave her a little time.

See this writing,
I will have more in time.

Don't pass me by!

Tracy LeQueyer, 33
(soon after he began to read and write last year)

Margaret Griffioen

It's a busy Saturday in Toronto, Ontario. I'm walking east on Dundas Street, from the Eaton's Centre to the *Friends of Bag Ladies* building. It's a bright August day and a brisk 20-minute walk. I almost can pretend I don't see the drunk in the doorway, the tough-looking kids on the corner, the punkers heading downtown and the run-down state of many of the buildings. But nice weather and pleasant personal thoughts can't totally blind me to my surroundings. The street people notice me; I can feel their eyes on me. My jeans and denim jacket are not enough to hide that I am an outsider.

Several hours later, as I leave the *Beat the Street* office (the top floor of the *Friends of Bag Ladies* building), I look intentionally at these street people — as *Beat the Street* director Tracy LeQueyere drives me to the bus terminal.

We stop at a red light at the busy Dundas and Yonge intersection. Watching cult members perform, and shoppers and street people walk by, Tracy turns to me and says "one in five, maybe more, of these people cannot read or write — even their own name."

"That's a lot of people," I thought.

Earlier in the afternoon, I told Tracy that the area made me nervous. I felt alien, and yes, a little afraid. "That's how those who can't read and who live on the streets feel about the printed word," he said, "A little afraid and alien."

Tracy should know the feeling — he's been there. He has a criminal record — theft, weapons, drugs — that's an arm long. He could not read until last year when, at age 32, he began lessons at Frontier College (see box on this page.)

Ex-cons effective leaders

Now Tracy LeQueyere and another ex-con, Rick Parsons (both new Christians) are in Toronto's inner city helping street people learn to read, write, and to gain a sense of self-esteem through the *Beat the Street* program.

"The reasons these people are on the streets and why many of them cannot read or write are as varied and unique as their thumbprints," says Tracy. He believes that most slipped through the educational system. But for many, literacy could be the stepping stone for getting off the streets.

Beat the Street links up street kids who have some reading and writing skills with those who don't. "Tutors," after receiving some training from Tracy and Rick, use the streets and parks as a school for teaching their peers how to read and write.

"We match punkers with punkers, hookers with hookers, men with men, girls with girls, bag ladies with bag ladies, etc., because they can relate to each other," says Tracy; and with a smile, "We try to keep boyfriends and girlfriends apart, as well as homosexual partners."

Top: Rick Parsons and Tracy LeQueyere. Bottom: Tracy talking with Toronto street kids at Allen Gardens. (Bottom photo reprinted from Starting Out, April, 1985)

Tracy and Rick go out on the streets and talk to the people and follow their progress. "These kids (they call all street people "kids") will seldom come to us first) we have to reach *them,*" says Rick, who sports a blue T-shirt with *Beat the Street* printed on it in big white letters.

"School" happens on their own turf at their own time ("You can't expect a street kid to keep an appointment," says Tracy). "It's important to a kid, bag lady, or whomever, to learn how to read their own street sign or write their own name. They know they live on Dundas Street, but don't know how to read or write it," says Tracy.

Motivation the key

Instead of Dick and Jane-type books, their surroundings are used as books because according to Rick, "Motivation is the important factor. We use everything from signs to rock and roll magazines, whatever *they* need or want. It's amazing how fast they can learn, despite past labels people gave them, such as "stupid."

The program has met with much success. Before starting, some people told Tracy and Rick that they could expect 25 people to become involved by Christmas. It is August when this interview takes place, and already the program has 75 tutors matched with 75 students. Tracy and Rick figure thousands of street kids know, and are beginning to trust, the organization. Within several months, many people reach a grade ten literacy level.

Some of the kids (most are between the ages of 17 and 24) have managed to find work because they can now fill out their own forms (Unemployment Canada will not fill out a person's application form), know enough math to operate a cash register, or can now fill out the appropriate Welfare Canada forms to get the support and permanent lodging they need to quality for a job. Finding jobs has meant that some girls have the chance to stop selling their bodies, and that many people are gaining a sense of self-esteem.

Impact

Beat the Street refers kids to other agencies when they request counselling that Tracy and Rick are not equipped to handle. It is closely tied with many inner city hostels and organizations that work with street kids. Tracy and Rick are much in demand as speakers at schools and churches where they pass on the shocking message that illiteracy exists in our homes, schools and congregations. They encourage literate people to reach out and help.

Financially, *Beat the Street* is surviving on a $5,000 grant from Imperial Oil, free use of the office above *Friends of Bag Ladies,* and whatever funds are donated to them. They operate on the basis that the program is the Lord's will.

"Even if we were to fold tomorrow, the program would continue because of the enthusiasm of the kids," says Tracy. "They will go on helping each other."

Tracy's story

Growing up in Hamilton, Cooksville, and Toronto (all in Ontario), Tracy went to various schools and was labelled as having learning problems. At age 14, he left grade three to go to a trade school. "Going to that school gave you the label of being dumb. Most of the kids there were aiming for a grade five education, but for half of them it was really time of preparing them for life on the streets — their language grew courser and their appearance began to change."

Tracy left at 16, illiterate, and became a street kid. He chalked up a list of criminal charges involving theft, weapons and drugs, and did some time in jail.

After spending time in the U.S., he returned to Canada to try to sell a Christian game he had invented, based on information he gleaned from Christians. (Someone else wrote and produced it, he could not read his own game!) He himself was not a Christian.

It was his decision to try to sell it to the 100 Huntley Street Organization in Toronto, and that became his first step towards being born again. He met his future wife at a Bible study. She told him he had to get a job or their relationship could not continue. She did not realize he was illiterate.

Tracy got a job helping ex-offenders find jobs. After two months, he could no longer hide his illiteracy from his boss. His boss then put him in touch with Frontier College in Toronto, specialists in literacy work. His tutor, Dr. Marsha Forest, began teaching him a year and a half ago (at age 32.) Her first step was to throw away the Dick and Jane-type books he had picked up for the lesson and ask him what *he* needed — and to instill in him the belief that he could learn.

And he did.

During this time he met Rick who also became a Christian. Together they quit their respective jobs to start *Beat the Street* with help from Frontier College. (see front page story)

Life is a bowl of pits

"Given the chance to work with the Beat the Street crew has really made me realize what the streets are like for other people. But you gotta realize you don't really know the streets unless you've lived them, and believe you me, you don't want to live them. I mean, I can't see anyone enjoying getting beaten up by pimps, prostitutes or just plain goofs. If you enjoy sleeping on park benches, in abandoned buildings, then you're just plain strange. Like I was told, life ain't a bowl of cherries, it's a bowl of pits. 's.

"Sometimes I wonder what life's all about and I don't really think I'll really understand it right away. Time is very precious and you must use your time wisely. I wish there was some way to change our world and make it better faster than what we are doing now."

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Story

Revenge is ravenous

Evelyn Witter

When I was a little girl, I saw, I felt, I lived in the awful clutches of revenge. It all started when my Uncle John and my father fell out over a business deal. Dad was going into a new venture, the automobile business. Uncle John bought out my dad's meat market and delivery wagons. Everything went along smoothly until the time for the actual transfer of property.

"Where are the horses?" Uncle John asked my father, looking around the barn, which housed both the wagons and the horses.

"Horses?" my dad exclaimed in surprise. "There was nothing in the deal about horses. Just the wagons. I traded the horses toward some of the new equipment I'll be needing."

"You're a thief!" Uncle John shouted, waving his fists threateningly. "I'll get you for this, Louis Brandt! You just see if I don't."

"Nobody calls me a thief and gets away with it!" my father is reported to have stormed back at his brother as he left the barn in anger.

This disagreement developed into one of the nastiest feuds I have ever seen. Each brother accused the other of being crooked, and each never lost the opportunity to say or do something to hurt the reputation of the other. Like a ravenous beast the hatred that was built up between the two reached out to eat at the inner spirit of all who came in contact with it.

The two families had always been on happy terms. We took vacations together, spent all our holidays together, had potluck suppers at a moment's notice. Mother and Aunt Bea belonged to the same organizations and had a lot of other common interests. Although my two cousins did not go to the same school I did, we met often at Sunday School and in other social groups.

Estrangement

After Uncle John and dad had their argument, the two-family fun stopped abruptly. Mother was puzzled, unhappy, and undoubtedly lonely. She once remarked to dad, "I have no argument with dear Bea. Still, she will hardly talk to me anymore. She has such a pained expression when we meet. I think she gets angrier as time goes on."

Then just see to it that you don't meet!" my father shouted, bringing his fist down on the table for emphasis.

Then revenge, the hungry monster, dug its claws deeper. Dad was negotiating for a loan from the bank for the expansion of his repair department. The banker, a mutual friend of the family, was prepared to make the loan, partly on securities and partly on my dad's good reputation.

Uncle John happened to be lunching with the banker one day and was told about the forthcoming loan. He saw this as his big chance to get even. He gave the banker a "friendly" warning about how dad was not exactly trustworthy.

When dad went to the bank on the appointed day, he was told the loan could not be granted. "Why? Why?" he insisted on knowing, dismayed by this unexpected turn.

Finally the bank told him that Uncle John had explained the "shady" deal dad had pulled when he sold out his meat business, and that bit of information had forced the bank to decide against making the loan.

Anger, hate and revenge seethed in dad's bosom. He was not the same sweet person he had once been. He was cross with mother and sharp with me. I no longer thought of climbing on his knee and seeking his companionship. In fact, I invented excuses to get away from my father.

Opportunity for revenge

A few weeks after dad had been turned down at the bank, he had what he thought was a wonderful opportunity for revenge. One evening the phone rang. It was the station agent. "A carload of meat came in for your brother ahead of schedule," he said. "I tried to reach your brother, but I haven't been able to. Guess he and his family are out. We have had to unload the meat, and it is here on the platform. I thought he would like to know, because it ought to be put in an icebox right away, or it'll spoil."

"Sure, thanks!" Dad grimaced into the phone.

He never called his brother. The carload of meat did spoil. The loss almost ruined my uncle financially.

By this time my cousins shunned me. My aunt and my mother acted like total strangers when they chanced to meet. Many of our friends were involved by this ping pong game of revenge. They had either to invite one or the other, but never members from the two families at the same time. How uncomfortable they must have felt, constantly having to choose between the John Brandts and the Louis Brandts! Naturally, we were often left out of social affairs and community fun. The situation saddened all of us.

A rare visit to church

Where this feud would have ended if it had not been for a certain sermon, I tremble to guess. At that time, we were not regular about going to church, but on one beautiful Sunday morning in the spring, dad brought our new yellow Patterson out of the garage, and we drove to church.

As we sat down in the quiet church, I noticed that Uncle John and Aunt Bea and my two cousins were right across the aisle from us. My heart thumped madly. Surely, I thought, they would not make a disturbance in God's house.

It was a tense time for all of us. As I was sitting next to dad, I could feel him tighten up. I saw his face contort with the mean expression revenge had put there lately. Mother's frown was so accentuated, the lines made with her eyebrow pencil showed.

The topic of the sermon that memorable day was "Father, Forgive Them." Before the sermon started, I remembered squirming in my seat and wishing it were all over. How could I sit there for an hour with Uncle John on one side and dad on the other!

Follow things which make for peace

The minister began to talk in quiet tones. As his sermon progressed, I forgot fear and confusion. New hope bathed my soul. I do not remember all the minister said, but certain parts of his sermon engraved themselves on my mind. In part he said, "Whenever we let a spiteful spirit dominate our mind, we think we are hurting the other person. But Jesus told us to love our enemies, because He knew that hating them would not do the hated one as much harm as it would the hater."

The minister, Pastor Case, read some verses in the Bible about revenge. I remember one was, "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace." Another verse he read was, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." And impressively he read, "Recompense to no man evil for evil."

Pastor Case told the congregation that the avenging of a minor wrong has many times in history started conflicts between nations, causing damage and loss so great and extensive that it could never be estimated.

He quoted Booker T. Washington as saying, "I resolved that I would permit no man ... to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him."

Pastor Case pointed out that the prisons were full of people who had sought revenge; that the asylums were also housing people with grudges they had nursed so long that their minds became affected.

In concluding his sermon the minister said, "Oh, if we could but feel as free from the revengeful spirits as Jesus Christ was when He asked forgiveness for the men who had just nailed Him to the cross and were hovering around to taunt Him!"

Sweet forgiveness

As all of us bowed our heads in prayer, I heard my father whisper, "Dear Lord in heaven, forgive me! Help me to see that if Jesus could forgive crucifixion I should be strong enough to find it in my heart to forgive my brother a few injustices. Father, forgive both of us. We knew not what we did! Lead us in Thy ways that we may never harbour hate and revenge again. Amen."

I prayed with him, though he did not know it. When we raised our heads again, dad's face was relaxed, and he wore the calm expression I had always loved and looked for. Mother was dabbing her eyes with her handkerchief.

As we filed out of church, Uncle John and dad went up the aisle shoulder to shoulder. Not a word was spoken. The two families followed apprehensively.

Out on the sidewalk dad turned to his brother and asked calmly, "Want to take a spin in our latest model?"

"I sure do!" exclaimed Uncle John in a choked but happy voice.

While mother embraced Aunt Bea, I took my cousins' hands. We became as one family again. Revenge had ravaged us for the last time.

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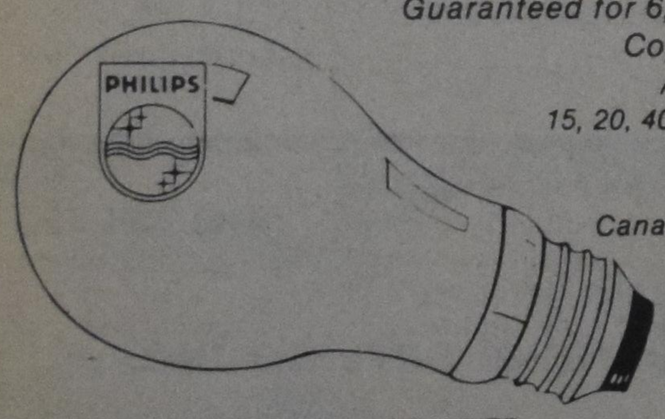

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Christians and litigation: *A radical call* PART I

Samuel E. Ericsson

America has been called the most litigious nation in history. Its machinery of justice strains under the load of litigation. In many major cities the civil courts are years behind in handling private civil disputes.

The litigation epidemic results in part from the increasing complexity of society, proliferation of goverment, and the breakdown of community. Many Americans are more inclined to go to law to resolve disputes than to go to their neighbour.

Christians are not immune to the litigation epidemic. But shouldn't they be? The apostle Paul asked members of the Corinthian church, "If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints?" (1 Cor. 6:1, N.I.V.) How should Christians respond to this challenge? Can the church provide an effective alternative to civil courts in resolving disputes? I believe it can.

As director of the Centre for Law and Religious Freedom, of the Christian Legal Society, I've helped develop an alternative, the Christian Conciliation Service (CCS). I'd like to tell you why I think it's imperative that Christians adopt CCS or a similar program.

In 1984 CCS's 28 chapters across the United States received more than 10,000 calls for help in resolving disputes between Christians. Thousands of churches are settling disputes in the manner Paul directed. In Albuquerque alone, 100 cases a month are mediated, with both Catholic and Protestant churches utilizing the program. Courts and bar associations generally are supportive. We've learned not only what to do but what not to do. (I know of only one case, in Montana, in which a Christian rejected the arbitrators' decision.)

Following are the radical principles that led us to respond to the apostle Paul's challenge. Next week I'll share our first case — the child with two mothers. Solomon solved a similar case by ordering that a child be cut in half and given to both mothers! We studied that case but chose another solution.

The call: to be a sign

The world's values and those of Scripture have always been in conflict. Our society calls us to keep what we have and to defend our rights. When we win we are to take all. Losing in any form is unacceptable. Although Americans may love the underdog, they are quick to reject losers. And underdogs who lose are the most to be pitied.

Yet our Lord did not teach, "Take it all if it is due." Instead, He said that we should treat other people the way they should treat us (Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31). He said that this course is the essence of justice.

Christians must recognize also that Christ called His followers to be a sign. He taught that we are to be salt, light, and sheep. His call for us to be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13) is a direct reference to Leviticus 2:13, where we are told that salt is the sign of the covenant between God and Israel. Thus, the Christian is to be a visible sign of the new covenant that God has made with this world in Jesus Christ.

The requirement to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14) focuses on the fact that light eliminates darkness. As the light of the world, Christians will give meaning and direction to history and thus explain it.

Finally, Christ said that we are to be like sheep in the midst of wolves (chapter 10:16). In a world where everyone wants to be a "wolf," no one likes to play the part of the sheep. But the world needs a living witness of His sacrifice for the sins of this world.

There may be no arena in our society where salt, light, and sheep are needed more than in the legal arena. But there may be no arena where it is more difficult to be a living sign than where legal rights are at issue. The clear witness of a better way to resolve disputes is critically needed.

What about our witness?

During 15 years in law practice, I've found it helpful for Christians to consider certain questions when pondering litigation. High on the list is: What impact will the dispute have on one's witness before other Christians or non-Christians? If the Church is denigrated, Christians must seriously consider other alternatives. To paraphrase our Lord, what profit is there if a Christian shall win his legal rights but lose his witness?

When Christians sue each other in secular courts, there is rarely a winner, only losers. The damage to the Church's redemptive mission may be irreparable. In fact, the suit itself is a reproach to the Church and to the Lord. A suit usually sends the wrong signal to a cynical and secularized society. Thus Paul counselled Christians to submit such legal disputes to the Church.

Paul was deeply concerned about litigation's divisive impact on the "body of Christ." And what would be the world's opinion of litigation between Christians, whose identifying mark was to be love one for another? A lawsuit between Christians in the secular courts, said the apostle, "means you have been completely defeated already." (1 Cor. 6:7, N.I.V.)

We must also consider what action is most pleasing to God. What is likely to bring God the most glory? Paul exhorts us to "do *all* to the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31) In 1985 jargon, if God's doesn't look good (from His *and* man's perspective), our action must be reexamined.

Christians must also consider their motives. Do they reflect primarily the desire for revenge, security, or protection of one's reputation? (See Matthew 5:38-48; Luke 6:27-38; Romans 12:17-21; Philippians 2:3,4) Clearly, if Scripture expressly forbids a certain option, we should not exercise it, regardless of the cost.

What about our time?

Another factor is the time inevitably spent in litigation. I have often asked Christians how much time they would be willing to spend on the lawsuit if they knew they had only six months left to live. If they respond, "Very little," I ask in a follow-up question, "What assurance do you have that God will bless you with more than six months?"

Where a principle or issue transcends personal interests, the decision may be to litigate. For example, if the dispute affects one's responsibilities as a trustee or guardian, and a refusal to act may result in harm to innocent third parties, then one may be obligated to proceed.

The overlooked options

Finally, Christians need to examine effective alternatives to litigation. These alternatives range from settlement and compromise to counselling and forgiveness. Are we as eager to forgive and be reconciled as we are to assert our rights? If we are not, then we're clearly violating what Christ taught. (see Matthew 5:23-26; 6:8-15; 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 6:1-8)

In the American adversary system each side zealously presses supporting facts and principles before an impartial judge. The overriding goal in all litigation is to win. In stark contrast, the Scriptures repeatedly stress that our objective should be reconciliation and not necessarily "winning". (see Matthew 18:15-18; Philippians 2:1-8; 1 Cor. 6:1-11, 13)

A major reason many Christians drag fellow believers to the secular courts to resolve legal disputes is that the church has failed to provide an effective alternative.

Concerned about this vacuum, the Christian Legal Society established the Christian Conciliation Service in many cities across the nation. CCS enables Christians to exercise their faith in resolving legal disputes. Cases ranging from small business disputes to such complex and highly emotional issues as adoptions have been resolved successfully through this ministry of reconciliation.

Next issue: a case study...

"The overriding goal in all litigation is to win."

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The carving of a totem pole

If you were a wealthy Indian, perhaps the chief of a B.C. coast Kwakiutl tribe, you might decide to erect a totem pole to honour your tribe or tell its history.

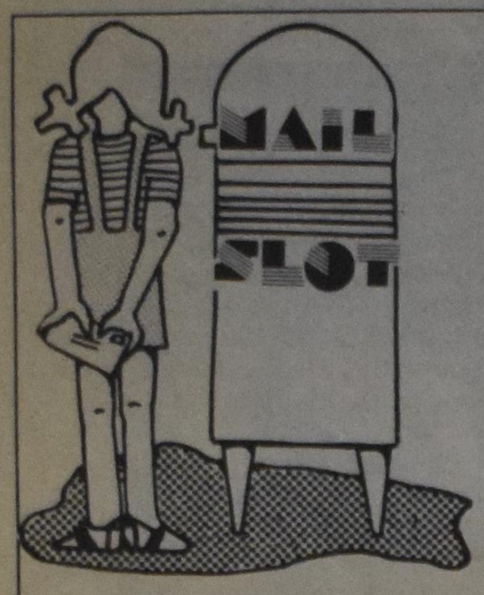
Here's what would happen.

First of all you hire the best carver you can find — one that you know can tell your story well. For several days, the two of you spend time talking about the tribe's history and going over its important events. Then you leave the carver to his work and expect that your directions will be carved out artistically. You'll have to be patient because it will require three or four months for the work to be completed.

After you have left, the carver heads out to the forest and selects a fine red cedar tree, one that is tall and straight. Before he starts his work, you'll approve his choice. Then the tree is felled and taken away to be carved in secret. secret.

Now the carver can set to work, outlining his figures with charcoal and skillfully chiselling them out of the mighty trunk. The back of the trunk is usually hollowed out. Once the carving is done, the carver gets dyes ready for painting the totem pole. He'll use bright colours made from the animal oils or blood, salmon eggs, moss, charcoal and other bright dyes he can find from nature.

When his work is done, the carver will call for you and wait for your approval. No doubt you'll feel proud when you see your tribe's crests, and "read" its history. To see your story so artfully and skillfully portrayed on the mighty cedar will be quite a sight!



Hey kids,

You can still see totem poles today. Many museums have saved and restored them. Some are even standing where they were first erected by the Indians. Today's Indians are concerned about preserving their fine art of wood carving. Some young Indians are learning this old skill. The totem poles they make are often sold.

Try your hand at decorating a totem pole! Sharpen your pencil crayons and colour the totem pole on this page. Make it as bright and colourful as the Indians did!

Have fun!

Once upon a time

Tell your own tall tale!

All you need to do is make a list of important events in your family. You could include things such as the birth of a new brother or sister, moving to a new house, your summer trip or the time you lost your dog.

Use a long paper towel roll as your "pole".

Then draw and colour your figures on a piece of cardboard. Cut them out and glue them to the paper towel roll.

Time to celebrate

A new totem pole — that was something to be proud of!! Setting it up and sharing its story was something to be shared. This called for a celebration!

The Indian chief threw a huge party to show off his new totem pole. The party, or potlatch, took months to prepare. Because the invited guests stayed for several days, preparations for the potlatch were a major task, requiring everyone's help. The chief, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and even grandparents all pitched in.

During the potlatch, guests were given gifts by the Indian chief, with the understanding that they would give even better gifts when they held their own potlatches. That's why the guest list for the potlatch was made up very carefully. Not just anyone was welcome at the festivities. Only those who could someday repay the chief were invited.

For several days the partygoers ate and drank, sang and danced, but the real highlight of the celebration was the raising of the new totem pole. It was the moment everyone waited for! Amidst great applause and excitement, the mighty red cedar trunk was dragged to the crowd for all to see. With many hands and strong ropes it was raised. The Indian chief lifted his arms ceremoniously, and silence fell over the crowd. Then, in a loud and clear voice, he explained what all the carved figures meant. He always started at the top and made his way down the pole.

The raising of a new totem pole was a time of great rejoicing!

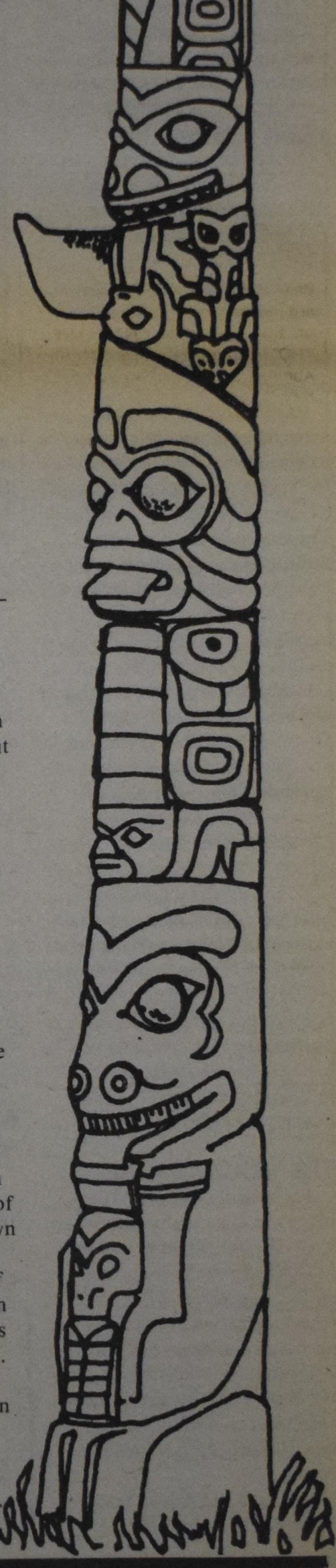
Tall tales

If you live near the coast of British Columbia, you've probably seen dozens of totem poles. Nobody knows why, but in all the world, totem poles have only been found along B.C.'s coast. They were made by Indians who lived there. Some are still being carved by Indians who have learned the methods of their forefathers.

Totem poles tell us a lot about the people who carved them. They are like a picture language, telling us of legends and important events in a tribe or family's history. The odd thing is, that unless you understand the symbols the carver used, you wouldn't be able to truly "read" the totem pole. The totem pole is a way of passing a family's history down the generations.

Totem poles are made up of carved figures standing one on top of the other. Each figure is a symbol, telling its own story. Animals were often carved because the Indians believed in the supernatural powers of animals.

Totem poles are tall wonders, they are beautiful to behold!



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Thanks

DEHAAN: We wish to convey our sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives and friends for the concern that you have shown, the many prayers, sympathy cards we received with the recent loss of our beloved husband, father and grandfather Bill DeHaan.
Henny DeHaan and family, 10 Dunsmere Dr., Kitchener, ON N2E 2B4

KORT: We thank all our friends and relatives from far and near for the good wishes and lovely presents and so making our 40th wedding anniversary a very happy occasion. The Lord has richly blessed us.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Kort, Grimsby, Ont.

Births

ABMA: Tom and Jo-Anne Abma of Niagara-on-the-Lake along with Willy Suk-Kleer of St. Catharines, are pleased to announce the birth of their grandson, NATHANIEL THOMAS, son of Kevin and Marilyn Abma of B.P. 2160, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, W.I.
"Then we thy people, the flock of thy pasture, will give thanks to thee forever; from generation to generation we will recount thy praise." (Ps. 79:13)

BATTERINK: Len and Nienke Batterink give thanks to God for the save arrival of a son, JOSHUA ERIC. He was born September 3, 1985, and is welcomed by sisters Marie and Jennifer. He is the third grandchild for Dr. and Mrs. J. Roukema, the tenth for Mr. and Mrs. L. Batterink, and the third great-grandchild for Mrs. H. Kroeze.
Home address: 270 Talbot St., S., Essex, ON N8M 1B8

MOSTERD: We, John and Wynne, thank God for the safe arrival of our daughter RACHEL SUSANNE, born July 25, 1985. She was welcomed home by her big brother Jonathan. Proud grandparents are Albert and Jenny Valkenburg, Clinton, Ont., and Aart and Sietske Mosterd, Cameron, Ont.
Home address: R.R.#2, Cameron, ON K0M 1C0

Marriages

BOUMA-MORSINK: Believing that the Lord has brought them together, Mr. and Mrs. O. Bouma of Oshawa, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. G. Morsink, St. Genevieve, Quebec, joyfully announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, CAROLINE ALMA and RICHARD MARTIN. The ceremony will take place, D.V., on September 21, 1985, at 3:00 p.m. in the First Chr. Ref. Church, Dollard Des Ormeaux, PQ. Rev. J. Tenyenhuis officiating.
Future address: 10309 Gouin Blvd., Apt. 521, Roxboro, PQ H8Y 1S1

Best wishes!

Marriages

DEHAAN-ROORDA: John and Alice DeHaan of Smithville, Ont., and Teun and Joan Roorda of Orangeville, Ont., are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children GRACE and WAYNE. Believing that the Lord has brought them together, the ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. on October 11, 1985, in the Chr. Ref. Church of Smithville, Ont., the Lord willing. Rev. J. Nutma officiating.
Future address: Orangeville, Ont.

HEIDA-DEGRAAF: With joy and thanksgiving to God, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heida of Vineland, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Gerry De Graaf of Beamsville, Ont., are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children MAUREEN CAROLINE and LAMBERT JAMES. The wedding is to take place, the Lord willing, on September 28, 1985, at 3 p.m. in the Mountainview Chr. Ref. Church in Grimsby, Ont. Dr. Vander Plaat officiating.
Future address: Vineland, Ont.

HOEKSTRA-DE JONG: With thankful hearts and trusting in the Lord, GERTIE Hoekstra and JOHN de Jong wish to announce their upcoming wedding, D.V., on October 12, 1985. Ceremony to take place in Cobourg "Grace" CRC.
Home address: 21 Gardiner Cresc., Cobourg, ON K9A 1W7

HOFLAND-WELDON: We, Joanne and Ed Hofland, are happy to announce the marriage of our son BRIAN to Miss LESLIE Weldon. The wedding will take place, D.V., on Saturday, October 12, 1985, at 3:30 p.m. in the Burlington Chr. Ref. Church, 3416 New St. Rev. J.J. Hoytema and Rev. A.B.C. Hofland will participate in the ceremony.
Future address: 368 Dundas St., East, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H0

KIELSTRA-BRON: In the spirit of Christian joy, Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Kielstra, St. Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. William Bron, Strathroy, announce the forthcoming marriage of their children SHIRLEY and WILLIAM. The ceremony will take place, D.V., on Saturday, September 28, 1985, in the First. Chr. Ref. Church, St. Thomas. Rev. Peter Meyer officiating.
Future address: 179 Jean St., Strathroy, ON N7G 3H2

LISE-BENJAMINS: Thankful to the Lord, who brought them together, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lise of Moorefield, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. John Benjamins of Blyth, Ont., are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children SANDRA MARY and JOHN SIMON. The wedding will take place, the Lord willing, on Saturday, October 5, 1985, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chr. Ref. Church of Drayton, Ont. Rev. Dick Velthuizen officiating.
Future address: R.R.#1, Londesboro, ON N0M 2H0

LUNENBORG-KLOOSTERMAN: Mr. and Mrs. Bruin Lunenborg and Mr. and Mrs. Aarn Kloosterman are happy to announce the wedding of their children MARTHA JANET and PAUL STEVEN. This union in Christ took place on August 24, 1985, at the First Chr. Ref. Church of London, Ont. Rev. Peter Slofstra officiating.

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POSTMA-BOVEN: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Postma of Chatham, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Boven of Kitchener, Ont., are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children GERTIE and HARROLD. This celebration of love will take place, the Lord willing, on Saturday, September 28, 1985, at 3:30 p.m. in the First. Chr. Ref. Church of Chatham. Rev. William Dykstra officiating.
Future address: 14-846 Prete St., Sudbury, ON P3E 3Y1

SCHOEMAKER-BRUINSMA: In the spirit of Christian joy, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Schoemaker are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter KATHLEEN AUDREY to JEFFREY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bruinsma. The wedding ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, in the Chr. Ref. Church, Clinton, on Friday, September 20, 1985, at 7:00 p.m.
Future address: 23 Kitchener Ave., London, ON N5Z 2B3

SMIT-VELDHUIS: In the spirit of Christian love, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Smit of Hagersville, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. John Veldhuis of Jarvis, Ont., are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children JULEANE ELIZABETH to CHARLES ANTHONY. The ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on September 27, 1985, at 7:00 p.m., in the Ebenezer Chr. Ref. Church, Jarvis, Ont. Rev. L. Slofstra and Rev. N. Cornelisse officiating.
Future address: Fenwick, Ont.

SMITH-RUITER: Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Cambridge, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ruiter of Guelph, joyfully announce the upcoming marriage of their children JOANNE and HENRY, D.V., on Saturday, September 21, 1985, in the First Chr. Ref. Church of Guelph, 287 Water St. Rev. Eshuis and Mr. Dwayne Thielke, cousin of bride, officiating.
Future address: 41 Stevenson St., S. Guelph, ON N1E 5N3

TJOELKER-UYL: Mr. and Mrs. William Tjoelker of Sarnia, Ont., are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter LINDA JANE to PETER JOSEPH Uyl, son of Mrs. Adriana Uyl and the late Mr. Pieter Uyl of Blyth, Ont. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 21, 1985, at 3:30 p.m. at the Blyth Chr. Ref. Church. Pastor Peter Slofstra officiating.
Future address: 131 North St., Blyth, ON N0M 1H0

VAN ELBURG-PASMA: With joy and thankfulness to God, Mr. and Mrs. Johan and Maatje Van Elburg of Thunder Bay, Ont., are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter JOANNE to TIM Pasma, son of Mr. and Mrs. George and Alice Pasma of London, Ont. The wedding will take place, the Lord willing, on October 12, 1985, at 2 o'clock in the First Chr. Ref. Church, Thunder Bay, Ont. Rev. A. Leegwater officiating.
Future address: 112 Arbor Glen Cresc., Apt. 807, London, ON N5Y 2A2

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VANDERPLOEG-KLAASSENS: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph VanderPloeg of R.R.2, Shallow Lake, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter ARLENE TERESA to NIKOLAAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Siebrand Klaassens of Burlington. The ceremony will take place, D.V., on September 28, 1985, at 11 o'clock in the Faith Chr. Ref. Church in Burlington. Rev. Jack Quartel officiating.
Future address: 154 Kemp Rd., W., R.R.1, Grimsby, ON L3M 4E7

WEENING-KOOIJ: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weening of Newmarket, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Leendert Kooij of Downsview, are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children CARRIE LEE to LEENDERT JAN ALBERT. The wedding will take place, D.V., on Friday, September 27, 1985, at 4 p.m., in the Springdale Chr. Ref. Church. Rev. L. Schalkwyk officiating.
Future address: R.R.#2, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4V9

ZELDENRUST-HESSELS: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Zeldenrust of Dunnville, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. John Tim Hessels of Wellandport, Ont., are pleased to announce the marriage of their children YVONNE and TED. The ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on Friday, September 27, 1985, in the Riverside Chr. Ref. Church of Wellandport, Ont. Rev. H. Katerberg officiating.

Anniversaries

1960 September 23 1985
"Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:31)
With thankfulness we are happy to announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

LOUIS and EFFIE BIERLING
(nee Brouwer)

May God continue to bless them in their lives together, with love from:
Peter
Gerald
Marvin
Tammy
Home address: R.R.#2, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4V9

Naaldwijk Stirling
1940 September 17 1985
"Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5)

PETER and ALICE DEBRUYN
(nee Smits)

We as their children and grandchildren thank the Lord for all the blessings He has given them. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless and keep them in His care for many more years.
With congratulations and love from their children on their 45th Wedding Anniversary.
Gerrit & Ineke DeBruyn; Kathy, Eddie, Melonie
Henry & Truus DeVries; Rob, Tony, Kevin
Bill & Marguerite Van Soelen; Dustin, Amie
Peter & Brenda DeBruyn; Mark, Debbie, Mike
Tom & Alice Lavender; Scott, Laurie
Murray & Chris Rodgers; Angie, Andrew
Jack & Colleen DeBruyn; Margaret, Peter
Ted DeBruyn
Home address: R.R.#3, Stirling, ON K0K 2C0

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Anniversaries

Oudehaske Brockville
1945 September 20 1985

SIEBREN and ANNIGJE DE JONG
(nee Kok)

With much thankfulness to God, we wish to congratulate our parents and grandparents on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.
With love and best wishes from your children and grandchildren:
Doreen & Klaas Sjonger; Shelly, Elizabeth
Margaret & Sidney Kuipers; Mark, Laura, Donna
John & Luanne De Jong; Natasha, Sonya
George & Beth De Jong
David De Jong
Home address: R.R.#2, Brockville, ON K6V 5T2

1960 September 23 1985
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."
With joy and thankfulness to God, we hope, the Lord willing, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our parents,

FRANS and MAAIKE HEUVING
(nee Beibour)

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless and keep them in His loving care for many years to come.
Thank you Mom and Dad for the love that is always there, and all the years of happiness we've shared.
With love and congratulations from:
Henry
Ben
Josie
Richard
Sonya

Drente Edmonton
1940 September 21 1985
With thankfulness to God, we announce the 45th wedding anniversary of our parents and our grandparents,

JOHN and LENA KUIK

Congratulations Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa.
With love from their son Henry and grandchildren Debra and Kimberly.
An open house will be held on September 21, 1985, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at First Chr. Ref. Church, 96 St. — 110 Ave.
Home address: 3834 Ada Blvd., Edmonton, AB T5W 4M4

1950 November 9 1985
Wedding text: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain" (Psalms 127:1)
With praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate the 35th wedding anniversary of our dear parents and grandparents,

HARRY and MARGIE MCEWEN
(nee Hofsink)

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless and keep you in His loving care in the days that lie ahead as He has done in the past.
With love and congratulations from your children and grandchildren:
John & Winette McEwen; Cody, Carmen, Tara — Smithers, B.C.
Symon & Jane Koldyk; Sheryl, Jacqueline, Wesley, Daryl — Smithers, B.C.
Gordon & Gina Boneschansker; Kristin, Lisa — Fox Creek, Alta.
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Don McEwen — Calgary, Alta.
Jim & Marjorie Jaarsma — Smithers, B.C.
David McEwen — Smithers, B.C.
Home address: (McEwen), P.O. Box 3497, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0

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1960 October 7 1985
It is with thankfulness to the Lord that we announce the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents,

HENK and DIANE VAN LEEUWEN
(nee Brakel)

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless and keep them in the years to come.
With love:
Linda & Danielle
Julia
Vicky
Nancy
Christine
Home address: 18 Berens St., Winnipeg, MB R2C 2R3

1955 October 6 1985
"Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God will be with you" (Joshua 1:9).

JAKE and CATHERINE VERSTEEG
(nee VanDuinen)

Congratulations Dad and Mom, Opa and Oma.
With love from your children and grandchildren:
Ralph & Carrie Groen; Kevin, Jenny
Robert & Irene Reinink; Amy, Jeffrey, Caleb
George & Martha Schellingerhoud; Abraham, Arthur and Eric Versteeg
Home address: R.R.#2, Clifford, ON N0G 1M0

Edmonton Calgary
1960 1985
25 years ago, on September 23, God brought together our parents,

BILL and JANE VERVEDA
(nee Schweitzer)

in a ceremony of love and marriage. We, their children and grandchildren, are thankful we can join them in a celebration of thanking God for their past 25 years together.
Congratulations and love from:
Jannette & Don Nauta; Timothy, Teresa — Calgary
Clarence — Calgary
Beatrice — Edmonton
Winny — at home
William — at home
Kevin — at home
We pray that God may bless us with many more years together.
Home address: 4 Glenwood Cresc., S.W., Calgary, Alta.

Broeksterwoude, Friesland Holland — Peterborough, Ontario Canada
1940 October 10 1985

ROEL (Rolly) and MAARTJE (Mary) VISSER
(nee Nagtegaal)

Wedding text: "Wentel Uwen weg op den Heere en vertrouw op Hem; Hij zal het maken." (Psalm 37:5)
We have joy and love in our hearts as we reflect on the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon Mom and Dad (Pake and Beppe) through their 45 years of marriage. May the Lord continue to bless you both with good health in the years to follow. With love from your children and grandchildren:
Mary & Andy Wierdsma; Robert, Malinda, Michael, Jeffrey — Lakefield, Ont.
Sylvia & Albert Nymann; Henry, Ralph, Marion, David, John — Cambridge, Ont.
Audrey & Gerrit Postmus; Marcia, Stephen, Roeloff — Rexdale, Ont.
Terry & Ineke Visser; Corrine, Timothy, Elizabeth, Antoinette, Toni — Guelph, Ont.
Lena & William Wilms; Peter, Christopher, Brian, Jennifer — Lindsay, Ont.
A family dinner will be held on October 12. Best wishes may be sent to: Mr. and Mrs. Roel Visser, 912 Sherbrooke St., Peterborough, ON K9J 2R4

Obituaries

On September 1, 1985, after a lengthy illness and in her 73rd year, the Lord took to Himself our dearly loved mother and grandmother,

GERRIDINA BOMHOF

Predeceased by her husband Johannes in 1982.
"The Lord Almighty will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all the faces." (Is. 25:8a)
Hans & Lainie Bomhof; Karel, Tanya
Betty & Tim Greenwood; James, Mark, Matthew
Jasper Bomhof
Hilda & Bob Van Dyk; Christopher, Anita, Anton, Suzanne
Funeral services were held in Victoria on Thursday, September 5, 1985, at the First Chr. Ref. Church. Rev. M. Contant of the Langley CRC officiated.
Correspondence address: 408 Madison St., Coquitlam, BC V3K 5B7

On August 19, 1985, our Lord took to Himself, at the age of 65,

JOHN DELEEUW

Dear beloved husband of Elizabeth.
Dear father and grandfather of:
John & Connie DeLeeuw; Donald, David, Randall, Suzanne — Carrot Creek, Alta.
Anna & Will Van Den Berg; Elizabeth, Janet — Edmonton, Alta.
Joanne & Len Fortuin; Michelle; Nicholas, Cheryl, Brian, Kevin — Edmonton, Alta.
Metta & Leonard Van Wieren; Tracy, Robert, Karen — Edmonton, Alta.
Ronald & Janet DeLeeuw; Vernanda, Julie, Darryl, Brent — Carrot Creek, Alta.
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Franklin & Andrea DeLeeuw; Bradley, Kerri — Carrot Creek, Alta.
Arnold & Joan DeLeeuw — Carrot Creek, Alta.
"They go from strength to strength till each appears before God in Zion." (Psalm 84:7)
Home address: 142 Laurier Dr., Edmonton, AB T5R 5P9

Psalm 23.
The Lord in His infinite wisdom took at His appointed time our beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather,

JOHN LANGENDOEN

He was called home on Tuesday, September 3, 1985, at the age of 75.
Beloved husband of Lena Langendoen (Stolk).
Dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather of:
Mary & Sam Vander Flier; Jacqueline
Carla & Darryl Jones; Brandon
Esther & John Vander Veen; Ryan
— all of St. Catharines, Ont.
Harry & Corrie Langendoen; John, Adrianna, Lana Joy, Sarah — Elmira, Ont.
Ike & Tess Langendoen; Stephen, Pamela — St. Catharines, Ont.
Evert & Douwina Langendoen; Robert, Deborah — St. Catharines, Ont.
Audrey & John Van Dyk; Stacey, Darren, Kari Lynn — Kitchener, Ont.
The funeral service was held on September 6, 1985, at the Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church, St. Catharines.
Rev. Henry Katerberg officiating.
Address: 2 White St., Apt. 212, St. Catharines, ON L2N 1Z2

"Be not dismayed what 'er betide God will take care of you.

Obituaries

The Lord called home, on Sunday, August 25, 1985, our beloved husband, father and grandfather,

KOERT (Jim) SIEDERS

at the age of 68 years. Psalm 23.
Johanna & Stewart English — Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Henry & Grace Sieders — Burlington, Ont.
Jake & Rita Sieders — Burlington, Ont.
Kurt & Darlene Sieders — Burlington, Ont.
Lynda & Dave Hartman — Burlington, Ont.
20 grandchildren.
3260 New St., #217 Maranatha Home, Burlington, ON L7N 3L4

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, establish, and strengthen you." (I Peter 5:10)
Peacefully, on Sunday, August 25, 1985, after a lengthy illness, the Lord, at His appointed time, took home to be with Him forever, our son and brother,

KENNETH GERALD VAN KAMPEN

at the age of 21.
Loving son of: Tony and Janny Van Kampen.
Dear brother of:
Marjorie — at home
Nancy — St. Catharines
Sharon — at home
Jennifer — at home
Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 28, 1985, at Ingersoll Chr. Ref. Church, Ingersoll, Ont. Pastor Dennis Royall officiated.
"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
Home address: R.R.#2, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0

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ABRAHAM VISSER

op de leeftijd van 70 jaar.
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The club Youth of Yesterday, Orillia.

Personals

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VAN ASTEN, J.M.T., geboren op 7 juni 1920, laatstbekende adres in Nederland: Oosterik A 6, Leende, naar Canada vertrokken op 11 februari 1954.
DE BOER, G., geboren op 29 april 1902, laatstbekende adres: 60 Jane St., Bolton, Ont.
BORSBOOM, A. geboren op 20 december 1939 te Vlaardingen, naar Canada vertrokken in 1966.
VAN ELST, Pieter J., geboren op 30 april 1955 te Maarssen, laatstbekende adres in Nederland: Raadhuisstraat 58 te Leerbroek, naar Canada vertrokken eind 1984, laatstbekende adres alhier: 1357 Ontario St., unit #21, Burlington, ON L7S 1E9.
FRUNT, A.H.A., geboren op 8 februari 1920, laatstbekende adres in Nederland: Amersfoortsestraat, Soesterberg, naar Canada vertrokken op 9 januari 1954.
HAVERLAG, Christiaan, geboren op 19 mei 1925 te Nijkerk, laatstbekende adres: 412 Sherman St., North, Hamilton, Ont.
HOGEWEG, Gilberte Henriette Eleonore, geboren op 17 aug. 1954, te Utrecht, naar Canada vertrokken in juni 1981, laatstbekende adres alhier: 291 Kane Ave., #2, Toronto.
HOOGSTRA, Hendrik Eko, geboren op 4 december 1943, laatstbekende adres: c/o John Knox Parental Christian School, 956 Danforth Ave., Burlington, Ont.
KUNST, Olga, geboren op 24 februari 1932, naar Canada vertrokken op 8 februari 1973.
VAN DER LINDEN, Adrianus Johannes Arnoldus, geboren op 10 februari 1953 te Den Haag, naar Canada geemigreerd op 13 augustus 1980. Laatstbekende adres in Nederland: Stille Veerkade 10, Den Haag.
LIJSTERBURG, Franciscus Cornelis, geboren op 22 april 1920, laatstbekende adres in Nederland: Johannastraat 6, Eindhoven, naar Canada vertrokken op 5 mei 1954.
MAGG, Antonia, geboren op 7 aug. 1940 te Utrecht, naar Canada vertrokken tussen 1960 en 1965.
OOSTEROM van, Jacob Klaas, geboren op 13 januari 1939, naar Canada vertrokken op 15 juni 1972.
VAN DER POL, Marinus Maria, geboren op 6 april 1920, laatstbekende adres: Knopstraat 29, Utrecht, naar Canada vertrokken op 1 juni 1954.
VAN PROOYEN, P., geboren op 5 februari 1934, laatstbekende adres alhier: 42 Ashby Cresc., Sarnia.
DE WAAL, Antonius F., geboren op 6 oktober 1918, naar Canada vertrokken op 1 april 1965, laatstbekende adres alhier: 213-8040 Blumbul Rd., Richmond, B.C.
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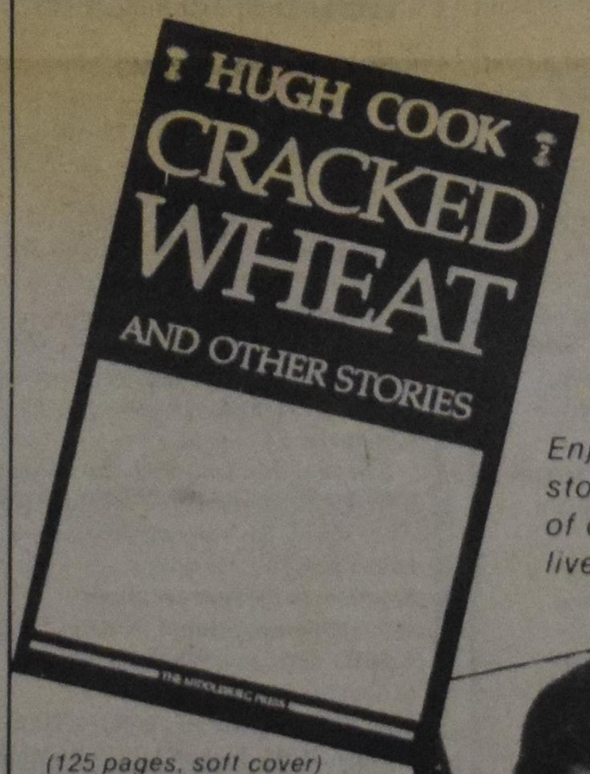

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Sept./85 - Apr./86 ICS Evening Courses for Credit. Each Monday at 7 p.m. on "Biblical Foundations" with Drs. Seerveld (Sept. 16-Dec. 16) and VanderVelde (Jan. 6 - Apr. 14). Each Thursday at 7 p.m. on "Philosophy of Education" with Mr. Harry Fernhout, Ph.D Candidate (Sept. 19 - Dec. 19 and Jan. 9 - Apr. 17). For info. phone ICS at (416) 979-2331.

Sept. 20 Organ concert by Andre Knevel in the Ebenezer CRC, **Jarvis,** Ont., to dedicate the new organ; starts at 8 p.m.

Sept. 25 CPJ presents its brief on "Educational Justice in a Pluralistic Society" in connection with Bill 30, to Ontario's Standing Committee on Social Development. The Committee meets at 11 a.m. in Room 15 at Queen's Park, **Toronto,** Ont. You are welcome to attend!

Sept. 30 - Oct. 12 CSS's Harry Houtman in Winnipeg, Regina and Brandon, etc.

Sept. 21 Province-wide Rally for Pro-Life. Theme: "Justice for the Unborn." Starts at 2 p.m. at Queen's Park, **Toronto,** Ont. Sponsored by Campaign Life, Toronto Right to Life, Christian Action Council, supported by Ontario pro-life groups. For info. call Mrs. J. Dieleman at (416) 364-4768.

Oct. 5 Classis Alberta South Combined Elders & Deacons Conference. Starts at 10 a.m. at the CRC in **High River,** Alta. Speaker: Dr. Albert Greene on "Nurturing Office Bearers." For info. call Rev. J.C. Wiersum at (403) 652-7179.

Oct. 5 CLAC-sponsored International Symposium on "The Freedom to Work" at 9 a.m. at John Knox Christian School, 82 McLaughlin Rd., S., **Brampton,** Ont. Speakers: Jose Prince, Zygmunt Przetakiewicz and Sander Griffioen. For info. contact (416) 774-2340.

Oct. 9-10 Dutch organist Sander van Marion in concert.
Oct. 9: St. Peter's Anglican Church, **Brockville,** Ont., 8 p.m.
Oct. 8: Montreal, PQ (time and place to be announced)
Oct. 10: St. George Cathedral, **Kingston,** Ont., 8 p.m.

Oct. 9 "Toogdag" of the former South/East League at Bethany CRC, **Fenwick,** Ont. Speaker: Jan Yeaman on "Happiness in the Lord." Registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 11-13 Calvin Christian School of **Winnipeg,** MB, celebrates 25 years of Christian education. For tickets and info. contact Henk Meinders, 335 Devon Ave., **Winnipeg,** MB R2G 0C6

Oct. 12-14 **Athens** Christian School 25th Anniversary celebrations. For full details contact Mrs. Jo Oosterhof (613-924-2846), Mrs. Jannie Feenstra (613-924-9690), or Mrs. Yvonne De Jong (613-924-2639).

Oct. 16 Choir and organ concert by the choir and brass under the direction of Leendert Kooy, with Sander van Marion at the organ; at 8:15 p.m. in St. James Cathedral at King & Church Strs., **Toronto,** Ont. Tickets: $5.00 golden age and students: $3.00.

Oct. 19 Netherlands Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., **Toronto,** Ont.

Oct. 19 Organ recital by talented organist John VanderTuin, at Mountainview CRC, **Grimsby,** Ont. at 8 p.m.

Oct. 19 Fellowship Day for Singles, Widows, Widowers, and Single Parents at Willowdale Chr. School, Hilda Ave., **Willowdale,** Ont. Register before Oct. 5. Cost $30.00. Write: Singles Fellowship, 6 Camelot Crt., Don Mills, ON M3B 2N5.

Oct. 26 Anniversary celebration of the **Lacombe,** Alta. Christian School (40th) in conjunction with the anniversary of First CRC of Lacombe (50th). For info. contact Betty Weenink at 403-885-4396.

Oct. 25-27 50th anniversary of First CRC, **Lacombe,** Alta. Banquet and social on Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m. and special service on Sunday, October 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the Canadian Union College auditorium. For info. contact Eb Ten Hove at 403-885-4070.

Oct. 27 Piano and organ recital by Janet Vanderspek (piano) and Adriaan Bakker (organ) at Trinity United Church, **Ingersoll,** Ont., starts at 8 p.m. Tickets: $4.00. Proceeds: John Knox Christian School Music Dept.

Nov. 1 The King's College Annual Membership Meeting, starts at 8 p.m., in the gym. Speaker: Rev. Louis Tamminga on: "Reformation in Education: The Celebration of Truth."

Nov. 5-16 CSS's Harry Houtman in Edmonton, northern B.C.

Nov. 8-10 Discovery Conference on "Discerning the Spirits." Keynote speakers: Richard Middleton and Brian Walsh. A conference for students who want to integrate their faith and learning. For info. write or phone ICS, 229 College St., Toronto, ON M5T 1R4; (416) 979-2331.

Nov. 22 & 23 Conference '85, Convention of Calvinette and Cadet Counsellors. Theme: Enthusiasm: Faith in Action. Keynote speaker: Rev. J. Van Til. Contact your head counsellor for more information.

Nov. 15-17 Camp Shalom Retreat on "Being Led by the Spirit of God." Teacher: Gerrit Verstraete. Music: Grace and Colleen Reinders. For info. call (416) 625-2262.

Sept. 24 - Oct. 3: Concerts by the Emmeloord's Christian Male Choir.
Sept. 24: Central Presbyterian Church, **Hamilton,** Ont.; 8:15 p.m.
Sept. 26: St. James United Church, **Edmonton,** Alta.; 8 p.m.
Sept. 27: Immanuel CRC, **Calgary,** Alta.; 8 p.m.
Sept. 30: Kelowna Alliance Church, **Kelowna,** BC; 8 p.m.
Oct. 2: First CRC, **Burnaby,** BC; 8 p.m.
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Contestants	Problems:	#1052	#1053	#1054	#1055	Sub. Total	Prev. Total	
	Points:	3	2	3	2	10	Total	Total
K. Amsinga (x)		2	2	3	2	9	30	39
J. Wilms (VIII)		3	0	1	0	4	14	18
G. Bloemendal (III)		3	2	3	2	10	(93)	10
P.W. Lamain (I)		2	Game only			2	6	8

Mr. Wilms — Thank you for pointing out two different deadlines for June. The latest one counted.

Comments

The June problems did not give many headaches to our solvers. If you had different solutions, drop me a line and I will try to explain any differences. The other solvers have taken a summer break. Why don't YOU decide to join the ladder now?

Solutions to the June problems

#1052 (Game position) 1. N-R6 ch., K-R1; 2. QxP, N-B3; 3. Q-N8 ch., R or NxQ; 6. N-B7 mate. 2.--, P-N3; 3. QxN, Q-K7; 4. R-B8 ch., RxR; 5. Q-Q4 ch., and mate in two (the neatest solution)

1. --, NxP; 2. QxBP ch., K-R1; 3. QxR ch., K-N2; 4. R-B7 ch., K-N3; 5. Q-K6 ch., K-N4; 6. R-B5 ch., K-N5; 7. Q-K4 mate. (5. R-B2 ch. wins the Queen, but does not lead to a quick mate as requested in the notes.)

#1053 (Rudenko) Key: 1. Q-Q6 threat: 2. QxN mate

#1054 (Sanderse) 1. R-K3, PxR; 2. K-K2, PxP; 3. K-Q1, PxR/Q; 4. BxQ Mate

#1055 (Volkmann) 1. BNxP threat: 2. Q-K2 mate.

CORRESPONDENCE RESULTS

Group B — 1984 G. Otten 0 J. Eisen 1

Mr. Eisen is the winner of "B" Group

Group — 1984 K. Amsinga 1 G. Otten 0
P.W. Lamain 1 G. Otten 0
W.L. Boer 1 K. Amsinga 0

Mr. Otten had to resign his games for personal reasons. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in letting us all know about your decision.

Mr. Amsinga informed me that he will not be starting any new games (I assumed that includes Finals). At 84, he has shown himself to be one of the strongest correspondence players, always in contention for a prize.

Unless I hear otherwise from the players involved, a final game for the 1984 Championship will be played between Mr. J. Eisen and Mr. W.L. Boer (who came in second behind Mr. Amsinga in "A" Group.

Four of the five contestants can still reach the 1985 Finals. It is a close race with five out of eight games still to be completed.

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Seeds of hope amidst the drought

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normal — irrigation water was just not available when the crops needed it most.

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Even without the dam, there is hope for improved water supplies soon. Keho Lake (an off-stream storage reservoir from the LNID) is being expanded and should be ready to receive increased supplies of water next year.

Governments respond

Both the provincial and federal governments have announced some programs to help drought-stricken farmers. These include improvements in the crop insurance program, feed grain assistance, and help in drilling water wells and dug-outs. Alberta Agriculture Minister LeRoy Fjordbotten has also promised a per head payment for cattle, to prevent a massive sell-off this fall.

Whether this aid is enough will likely depend on the individual circumstances of each farmer. Peter Poettcker said that if it weren't for crop insurance and grain stabilization payments, all grain growers in his area would be out of business. With the aid, most farmers will likely survive. However, those with high debt loads, or those without crop insurance, may go broke.

Poettcker thinks this is unfortunate because many of those are young people who have begun farming in the past few years.

All farmers to whom I spoke agreed that there was a limit to the government's responsibility. Granum area farmer Klaas Poelman's response was, "We have to take some responsibility for our own mistakes. Many of us paid too much for land and machinery a few years ago. Is it fair to now ask the government to bail us out?"

Fred Nyland of La Glace agrees. If more aid is going to be given, he prefers it to be channelled through the existing crop insurance program. That way, he said, the help will go to those who actually suffered a crop failure.

Ken Karsten even admits that "to be a farmer you must be an optimist."

Test of faith

This is where faith comes in. For many Christian farmers, the drought and insect plagues are quite literally a test of faith. As one farm woman said to me, "God's ways are not our ways. Despite these difficulties, we know God remains faithful to us. I know better than before how utterly dependent we are on the grace of God."

It is with this assurance that Prairie farmers will once again be on their land next spring. They will cultivate their fields, seed, and fertilize their crops. They will then wait with humility for God's good rain to fall upon the earth.

John Kolkman is the Research and Policy Coordinator of the Christian Farmers Federation of Alberta.

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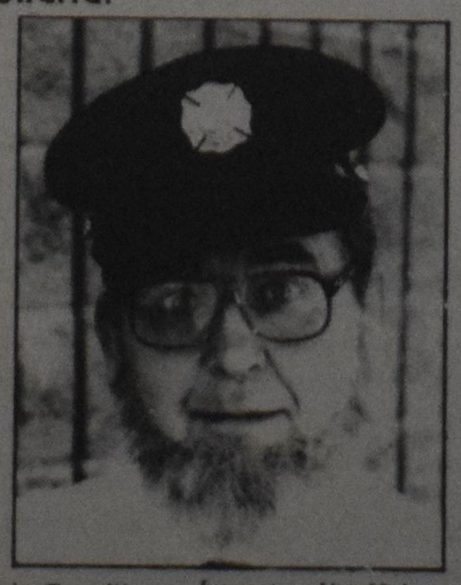

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Ik opende de voordeur en daar stond een man van middelbare leeftijd, die direct met de deur in huis viel en zei: gelukkig dat u thuis bent, 'k zou graag eens even met u willen praten. Ik ben door onze kerkeraad afgevaardigd naar de classis en ik ben een dag eerder van huis gegaan om u even te bezoeken.

Natuurlijk nodigde ik deze afgevaardigde-naar-de-classis uit om binnen te komen. Hij kon in mijn studeerkamer zijn gesprek voortzetten.

Moeilijke omstandigheden

Het was een wat triest verhaal. Hij was met zijn gezin geëmigreerd naar een gedeelte van Ontario, waar volgens hem voor hem en zijn gezin geen goede toekomst te vinden was. Hij woonde er nu meer dan een jaar, en het geld dat in het gezin binnenkwam moest door zijn opgroeiende jongens worden verdiend in een lumberkamp. En hij moest als vader zijn hand ophouden als de jongens met wat geld thuiskwamen.

De kerkeraad had hem afgevaardigd naar de classis. Hij was de enige die, wat het werk betrof, die reis naar Hamilton kon maken.

"Het is zo moeilijk voor mij," zei hij, dat ik mijn brood niet kan verdienen en met mijn vrouw en mijn schoonmoeder, die ook met ons naar Canada is gekomen, zo erg afhankelijk ben van mijn jongens. En het is voor mijn jongens ook niet zo mooi, dat zij in een lumberkamp moeten werken, en niet geregeld in het gezin kunnen meeleven. Ze zijn soms een hele tijd van huis. Zou er voor mij, en later ook voor de jongens, geen werk te vinden zijn in dit gedeelte van Ontario?

Korte zomer

Toen ik hem vroeg wat hij in Canada deed, vertelde hij dat hij met zijn gezin op een kleine boerderij woonde, en daar wel wat werk kon verzetten. Maar het klimaat was van dien aard, dat je zo vroeg mogelijk moest oogsten, anders bevroor de oogst soms al in augustus. De groeiperiode was wat klein. Als je geld genoeg had om je eigen machines te kopen, dan zou het nog gaan. Maar als je op de machine van je buurman moest wachten, dan kon je er wel op rekenen dat je net te laat kwam en het koren van de nachtvorst heel wat geleden had. En 's winters had je een voortdurende strijd met de sneeuw, die meestal tot aan de dakgoot van het huis opgestoven was.

En zo ging hij verder ..... ik ben ook eigenlijk geen boer. Ik was in mijn geboorteplaats in Zuid-Holland kweker. Ik kweekte meestal orchideeën, en daar zat wel een goede boterham in. We zijn eigenlijk geëmigreerd omdat we een groot gezin hebben, en meest jongens!

"Dus, u wilde eigenlijk zo spoedig mogelijk een kwekersbaan hebben en een behoorlijk huis voor uw hele gezin, schoonmoeder incluis." Ik zei, dat ik dat wel begrijpen kon want mijn schoonmoeder was ook met ons geëmigreerd.

Morgenochtend beginnen

Nadat we samen gebeden hadden om Gods zegen op ons zoeken naar werk en een huis gingen we, na koffie gedronken te hebben met elkaar, op weg. Aan dezelfde straat waar de pastorie stond waren twee grote bloemenkwekerijen. Ons stadje van ongeveer zevenduizend inwoners werd de bloemenstad van Ontario genoemd. Daar zou onze broeder-afgevaardigde-naar-de-classis toch wel werk kunnen vinden.

Hij was immers een expert in het kweken van orchideeën!

Ik wist er niet zoveel van af. Ik wist natuurlijk, dat één van mijn mede-Rotarians de eigenaar was van het grote bloemenbedrijf aan de overkant van de pastorie. Ik wist helemaal niet dat hij een kas orchideeën had.

Toen ik met mijn werkzoekende broeder op het kantoor kwam, vroeg ik aan de receptioniste of ik even met Dale kon praten over orchideeën. "Natuurlijk," zei zij, en even later kon ik aan Dale vragen of hij ook een plaatsje had voor iemand, die in Nederland zich had bezig gehouden met het kweken van orchideeën?

"Natuurlijk," zei Dale. "Hoeveel kan hij dan verdienen?" "Vijf en veertig dollar per week!" "Wanneer kan hij beginnen?" "Morgenochtend, om zeven uur!"

Aarzelend zei mijn vriend, "dat kan toch niet, ik moet morgen naar de classis." Ik zei toen: "de classis zal je wel excuseren, die andere broeders konden toch ook niet naar de classis omdat ze werken moesten. En dit is de kans van je leven. Als je goed bent in je vak, kun je hier wel tot je vijfenzestigste jaar orchideeën kweken. Als je dit aanbod nu niet aanneemt en morgenochtend om zeven uur begint, dan komt er vanmiddag een andere emigrant die deze vacante plaats inneemt."

Dale begreep wel dat ik met zo'n emigrant even in het Nederlands moest praten om hem alles uit te leggen.

Toen zei ik: "'t Komt in orde, Dale, morgenochtend om zeven uur is hij present en ik denk dat je er een goede knecht aan zult hebben."

Tweede emigratie

Toen we buiten kwamen toonde onze vriend zijn blijdschap. Hij jubelde: "45 dollar in de week! Zoveel heb ik het hele jaar nog niet verdiend. M'n jongens wel, maar ik niet!" Toen zei ik: "Nu nog een huis. Als het een beetje wil lukt dat ook nog vanmorgen. Dan zijn we met de lunch weer in de pastorie."

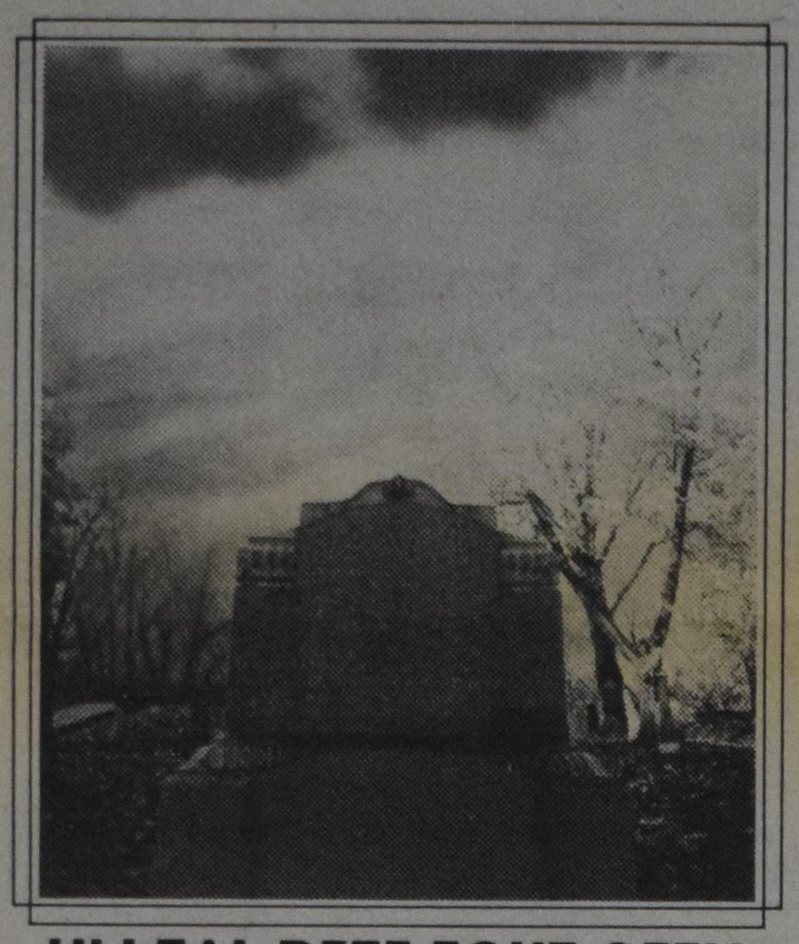
We reden naar de vierde 'line.' Daar had ik een paar dagen tevoren, toen ik even verder een vrouw, die vreselijk heimwee had, bezocht, een 'for rent sign' gezien.

We waren het al gauw met de boer eens. We gaven hem vijf en veertig dollar — dat was de huur voor een maand — en we kregen van hem de toezegging dat als het gezin overkwam verf en behangselpapier door de boer zou worden verstrekt. Dan konden ze het huis zo mooi maken als ze zelf wilden!

Diezelfde dag schreef mijn vriend een brief aan zijn vrouw, met het verzoek om met het gehele gezin naar het zuiden te emigreren.

Hij kon niet helpen, want hij moest 500 miles ten zuiden werken tussen de orchideeën!

John Van Harmelen is emeritus predikant. Met zijn vrouw woont hij 's zomers in Caesarea, Ontario.



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Ik ben net teruggekomen van een verblijf achter het ijzeren gordijn, waar de kritiek op Zuid Afrika tot koortsachtige hoogte is gestegen, hoewel ik bijna gearresteerd werd voor het maken van foto's. De geest van Goebels zweeft over Oost Duitsland. Het land is overwoekerd met leuzen en zinloze partij propaganda.

Ik herinner me een reclamebord van Hitler "Rader muszen rollen für den Sieg" (de raderen moeten draaien voor de overwinning). Nu is alles voor de vrede. Mensen werken voor vrede, produceren voor de vrede, lijden voor de vrede en misschien slapen ze ook wel voor de vrede.

Overal wordt de arme bevolking aangespoord tot "hohe Leistung" — hoge productiviteit. De vruchten van al deze zogenaamde productiviteiten is onzichtbaar. Er is genoeg te eten, daar is alles mee gezegd.

Ik heb de Neues Deutschland gelezen, de krant van het Centrale Commité van de Socialistische Eenheidspartij. Het heeft op de voorpagina nog steeds de vergeelde communistische slagzin: "Proletarier aller Länder, vereinigt euch!" We lieten de Canadese vlag wapperen aan onze Opel en werden meestal met beleefdheid behandeld.

Ik stond bij het graf van Maarten Luther, en vroeg mezelf af: "Wat was het Maarten, een zegen of een vloek?" Het antwoord op die vraag heeft vele facetten.

Volgende week gaan we weer verder met "Press Review."

Lezers van *Trouw* schrijven C.C.

Bert Witvoet

Op 5 augustus, 1985, verscheen er in het Nederlands dagblad *Trouw* een klein artiekeltje over het veertigjarige bestaan van *Calvinist Contact*. "Niet alleen kerknieuws maar ook over zakgeld" luidde de titel van het stukje.

Na een kort verslag over de geschiedenis van *Calvinist Contact*, werden de lezers uitgenodigd om een jubileumnummer aan te vragen bij het hoofdkantoor van *Calvinist Contact*. Hiervan hebben dan ook vele mensen gebruik gemaakt.

Het was erg leuk om brieven uit Holland te ontvangen en te merken dat mensen in het oude vaderland nog meeleven met hun geloofsgenoten in Canada. Sommigen gaven een korte wens, of kwamen zelfs met vragen.

Een arts uit Lunteren vroeg hoe de calvinisten in Canada de diverse ethische problemen op medisch gebied oplossen.

Een dominee uit Maassluis wilde meer weten over de Nederlanders in Canada en over hun kerken.

Een mevrouw uit Utrecht wilde weten of Bert Witvoet een zoon of kleinzoon was van Mevrouw Witvoet-Dijkstra uit Joure. (Antwoord: een zoon).

Een media-consultant had belang in meer informatie over de christelijke pers in Canada.

Een echtpaar uit Doorn kwam *Calvinist Contact* tegen toen ze hun vrienden bezochten in Canada vier jaar geleden. Ze lazen het graag, en waren verheugd dat het kerkelijk leven bij hun broeders en zusters er niet minder op was geworden.

Eén van de schrijvers dacht dat het maar beter was om ons een engelse brief te schrijven. Voor de zekerheid sprak hij de redacteur aan als Bert Whitefoot. (Zijn Friezen soms Nederlandse indianen?)

Het was allemaal erg bemoedigend om zoveel brieven en kaarten uit Nederland te ontvangen. We zijn van plan om deze mensen allemaal een gratis jubileumnummer te sturen.

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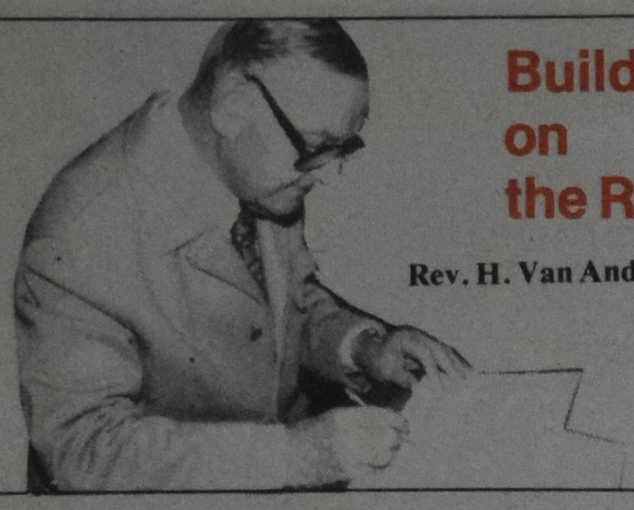

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"You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? So every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Matthew 7:16-18.

There has always been a close connection between doctrine and life. Dogmatics and ethics can never be separated.

False prophets can be recognized by wrong morals. The Old Testament prophets tell us that injustice and social evils entered into Israel's society as soon as the people abandoned the service of the Lord. The Pharisees were also false prophets. In spite of their so-called orthodoxy they misrepresented God's Word and distorted the law.

If ever the influence of false prophets is noticeable, then it is in our modern age. With new theories about the interpretation of the Scriptures, God's commands are made flexible and a worldly permissiveness has entered many churches. Today in Christian circles, pre-marital sexual relations, abortion, divorce, homosexuality, and other evils are condoned. This is all the result of a false evaluation and interpretation of God's World. No wonder Jesus said that false prophets can be recognized by their fruits.

We must be on our guard that in this normless world we do not lower the biblical norms for our Christian life. The reasoning of false prophets may sound convincing, but grapes — which are good fruits — are not gathered from thorns, nor are figs from thistles.

It is a firm rule that sound trees bear sound fruits, and bad trees bear bad fruits. This is not only a law in nature, but also a truth which can be observed in the daily life of Christian people.

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Commentaries

Revelation revealed

I Saw Heaven Opened: The Message of Revelation, Michael Wilcock. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1975. Paperback, 223 pp., $8.75 (Can.).
Reviewed by James R. Payton, Jr., Academic Dean, Redeemer College, Hamilton, Ont.

I can remember staring in disbelief when the church council of my last pastoral charge asked me to preach a series of sermons on the book of Revelation.

When the shock subsided and I began earnestly preparing for it, I was reminded of an impression that had forced itself upon me during my ministerial training and which was reinforced by browsing in evangelical bookstores — namely, that commentaries on the book of Revelation are like money lying in the street. Most of them are only pennies, not worth the time it takes to pick them up. A few are dimes or quarters. But rare indeed is the $20 bill which lies on the path, worth stopping for since it will enrich us. I have found Michael Wilcock's *I Saw Heaven Opened* to be such a $20 bill — at least!

Tall order

This volume is part of a series published by InterVarsity Press entitled, "The Bible Speaks Today." Each of these paperback volumes is intended to offer an exposition of a book of Scripture based on sound scholarly endeavor, applicable to contemporary life, and simple enough that the nonspecialist can readily profit from it.

That is a tall order. To do that with the book of Revelation offers unusual challenges. The rest of the book indicates how well the author met that challenge.

Wilcock wisely keeps the introduction brief, touching on Revelation's relation to the apocalyptic literature so prevalent at the time (but so foreign to us). And on the certainty that the book is truly divine.

Matters warranting further treatment receive it in the opening sections of his exposition of the seven scenes according to which, in Wilcock's estimation, the drama of the book unfolds: items treated include the repeat of patterns, the meaning of numbers, the sequence of events, the identifying of symbols, and (of course) the question of the millennium.

This segmenting keeps the reader from being overwhelmed by the sheer volume of preliminary matter necessary for an understanding of this strange book.

Readable format

Overall, I found myself agreeing with the way in which the material was handled — especially the recurrent insistence that the book was divinely intended, not as a puzzle for those with extraordinary mathematical or architectural ingenuity, but for the ordinary reader. Wilcock argues convincingly that any exegesis which depends on such skills must be wrong-headed, for it would have put the book out of reach of the original readers, to say nothing of most of its readers throughout the history of the Church.

This approach must be used with discretion, however. Wilcock also plays down the value of an acquaintance with the history of the time and its apocalyptic literature for a grasp of Revelation's meaning. It is one thing to urge that the book was divinely superintended so as to be understandable, by its first-century readers, familiar as they were with their own history and with one of the most prevalent of literary genres of their time; it is quite another to dismiss that history and literature on the unsubstantiated assumption that, since the book was intended to speak to God's people of all times, its meaning must necessarily be as intelligible to those who (like most Christians in our day) have little knowledge of that history and even less of apocalyptic literature.

In a host of ways, recent scholarship has illuminated aspects of Revelation by paying attention to precisely these matters. And if that puts the biblical book a step or two further from our intuitive grasp, then it is we who ought to take the steps necessary to enter into the world of thought of the book, rather than naively expecting that it will of course conform to our world.

In actuality, Wilcock's dismissal in this regard is more a matter of form than of content. The author frequently incorporates insights from history and apocalyptic literature into his exposition. And that exposition of Revelation is sound, credible, balanced, even artful — overall, unusually beneficial for an appreciation and an understanding of this potentially most perplexing of canonical books.

For a long time now, William Hendriksen's *More than Conquerors* has held the place of preeminence in Reformed circles as a good, basic treatment of Revelation. Wilcock's volume is, in the opinion of this reviewer, an even better treatment. To enter into the specifics of his exposition would be beyond the scope of this review, however. For that, one should purchase *I Saw Heaven Opened* and read it — which is precisely what this reviewer recommends!

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